

16 Puide Putnam 3rd Haskell

1411 Nuts & co

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532 Cap - 95

1/2 bush S Almonds 1.60

1 1/2 W Em Mats 2.56

1 1/2 C Nuts - 1.28

1/2 P Nuts - 48

1 Doz P Nuts ~~1.57~~

1 Doz P Nuts 1.72

25 P Nuts 2.74

J Chapman

by Apples 1.57

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Feb 6

John Chapman
Hallam Board
from Pellicans

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51.92
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Lat. & Longt

Cape St Roque	8	28	35.17
Cape St Augustine	8	21	34.57
St Antonio	13	0	38.32
Cape Iris	23	1	41.54
Rio d-Jeniro	22	56	43.09
St Catharines	27	23	48.32
Monte Verde	34	53	50.13
Buenos Ayres	34	36	58.22
Cape Focas	36	55	56.47
Cape Blanco	47	12	65.43
Cape Curiso	49	11	67.37
Straits of Magellan	52	20	68.21
Staten Island	54	43	63.43
Cape Horn	55	59	67.16

Length of passages from place to place

from Desmarsetts to Cape Verde Islands	36 days
from Cape Verde to St. Catharines	24 days
stayed in St. Catharines	12 days
from St. Catharines to Straits of Magellan	26 days
from Cape Bergen to Cape Pillar	22 days
from Cape Pillar to Juan Fernandez	21 days
from Juan Fernandez to San Francisco	62 days

Two days at the above anchoring in the water 205 days

Names of harbors and anchoring places in the Straits of Magellan

Beginning at the Eastern extreme of the Straits

Posepion Bay Bad

Gregory Bay good

Elizabeth Island good

Laredo Bay -

Fresh water Bay

Port Fernine good

Nicholas Bay

Snug Bay

Wood Bay good

Fortique good

Elizabeth rocks

Bonga Bay - good

Swallow Harbor Bad

Playa Paeira

Harbor of Mercy is the last harbor in the Straits it is a good harbor

July 28-1844. Mr Sears Mr Weeks says 3
 That Capt Bearstons sister is going home soon & he thinks she will take this book together with his if she does i will send it to you & if you should find any thing in it that you think exceptionable i hope you will take care of it & not expose it to the inspection of any one i want you to read it as soon as you can without interfering with your daily avocations you will at once ^{say} that the composition the spelling & the writing is very imperfect but it has cost me much time and pains it has been written through tribulation and as soon as you have done with it i want you to give it to my wife

Wife here is my Journal that i have taken pains to keep through the passage & i want you to read it & take good care of it don't let it go out of the house to any one and i don't want you to let any one read it that you think will make garmot of it i have nothing against friends reading it you know as well as i do i suppose who they are

Mrs. Hatch I have written you three letters since
I left home one from St. Catharines two from this
place since I have been here before the one I have just
finished this this then makes five in all what I want
to say now is this the first draft that is sent home by any one
of this concern I will send you some money whether
it is much or little and more than this want you to see
that neither you or the family suffers for the necessities
of life I feel my responsibility to you every day &
if my life & health are spared I have no scruples
as to my doing something here for you I will now
now for a little more information to forward ^{to} you say
that I have had a good many bats with the Old
pipe since I left home I think I can dispense with
it altogether I assure you I have always felt better
if you please try it is not so much self denial after
all only to think of being a Bond Slave for life to a
nasty filthy pipe you may depend it will
not only be for your health but it will restore the
looks of youth to your cheeks think of that some
one here told me to day that my face began to

look as fair as a Boy's but if it is likely to injure ⁵ your
health as you have been long accustomed to it I will
not insist you can if you please make the trial
and then you can see for you self if it hurts
you I smoke one I have given you a sketch of
the Port and Bay of San Francisco I took but
little pains you have a little of the Out lines
of Juan Fernandez such as it is & also of
Cape Horn and the most extreme Cape of the
Southern part of the American continent
Lieut. Samuel Loring ^{read} this Book if he wishes
or any other of my old friends I have not
mentioned Emma or Margaret yet but it is
not because that I have forgotten them for I love them
both & I hope the best of heavens blessing may
attend them both Margaret's Picture hangs
up in the cabin it has some admirers they
call it pretty I have written a good deal but
it looks tame as if it were mostly nonsense so
good Bye for this time Yrs M. Hatch

Journal of a passage from
Damariscotta to San Francisco in upper
California in the Schooner Damariscotta
From December 18th 1849 to July 12 - 1850
Kept by William M. Hatch

Names and ages of the vessel's company

Thomas Hall	52	Daniel Robinson	22
George Talbot	38	Richard Hiseck	36
Francis Choate	43	John Leitch	34
George B. Williams	40	Alex Weeks	27
William Keniston	43	Mathew Tuck	29
Daniel Melhus	37	Lyman Chapman	24
Joseph Melhus	43	Ephraim Hatch	38
S. W. Lock Esq	40	Wm M Hatch	50
William Fullerton	39		
Charles Berry	30		
Reuben Wall	23		
William Curtis	43		
Henry Hitchcock	23		
Josep Hitchcock	21		

Tuesday Dec 18 - 1849
Commenced the day with pleasant weather and
lite winds from W. N. W. at 6 A. M. got under
way above the ledge proceeded down the river
held a good breeze till noon the breeze freshened
took some passengers on board at Dyers point fired
several guns & went to sea

Wednesday Dec 19 - 1849
I commence this day at meridian to begin
a sea Journal from Galis from N. W. carrying
whol sail set to the best advantage at 2 P. M.
The breeze freshened at 3 P. M. took our departure
from the Island of Monheagan cleared up
clouds as well as circumstances would admit
Mr Williams the cook & some others sea sick
first part of the night it blew very heavy
ripped the main sail & F. sail carried a
good deal of dead water on deck had to
stave off the leeward Bullworks to free her of it
lost some small spars off the deck

Thursday Dec^r 20 - 1849

Commences with a strong wind to day from NNE
and cloudy steering S.E. at 3 P.M. it breezes
up from South at 4 tacked and rigged with
with an increasing breeze Middle & Latter part
heavy Gales with a sharp sea carrying close
ribs heading S.E. the most of the company
sea sick the vessel is a first rate sea boat leaks
some in her upper works owing to the neglect of the
cudkers some of the upper seams in the quarter
no oakum in them at all this is the sea sickest
ship that I ever saw I have suffered much since
leaving home principally with my feet the vessel
has made a good deal in but to day has been quite
comfortable Capt Choate got the dinner to day

Lat^d 41 5 Longt By D^r 64 56

Friday Dec^r 21 - 1849 9

Begins to day with rough weather and a rough sea
the wind from SSE to S.W. at 12 M. Night
have too under a double reefed fore sail had safe
this craft is a good sea boat seizes all hands such
a sea sick crew I never saw before seamen and all
Capt Choate & I have got the dinner to day of fresh beef
soup we are now crossing the Gulf stream under
our close ribs with a very bad sea on the weather
Bearn we have not got an observation since we sailed
I enjoy myself very well save that my clothes are
wet and no sun to dry them but it is ever very cold
in the Gulf we think our little ship has been pretty
well tried and has proved to be all that could be expected
of her Mr Williams and Joseph Mellus is the
sickest men on board keeping their births in the
lower cabin the rest are about decks & therefore do
better it is very rough to day to write up a log
Had to knock off ball work to clear the deck of
water this is going to sea in a small craft

Lat By D^r 41.13 } Longt By D^r 63 48

Saturday Dec: 22-1849

First part of these 24 hours heavy sea carrying double reefs steering S.E. blowing heavy latter part more pleasant with a falling sea this has been the first fine day since we sailed all hands appear to be alive to day we have been stowing the anchors & sundry others jobs of necessity & work got up our wet clothes & dried them the sea sick folks are improving fast Mr Williams has been on deck to day Richard Hitchcock quite sick yet done a bunch of work to day this little craft is nothing but a continual confusion if i lay down my jacket hat or any thing else i think i have extra good luck if i find them at all this is a very good natured clever set of fellows as ever need to meet together we have scraped up the cabin to day of several days gathering of dirt and spew and all other kinds of nastiness got a good view of the sun and Long by Chronometer time we were at Meridian S.E. 575 Miles from Monhegan Lat by Obs 38-57; Long by Cr. time 61-28

11 13.
Sunday Dec: 23-1849

These 24 hours tremendous weather & heavy Gales from S.E. have to at 11 O'clock at night head to Eastward latter part increased to a violent gale saw two sharks under the stern the Boys although it is Sunday have been trying to catch them but they have not succeeded part of this crew have got the better of there seasickness B. Hitchcock Mr Williams & Joseph Hitchcock are no better Our cook is little better than a dead man the steward though green is a first rate smart fellow but so much dirt and spew i never saw at one time since we sailed we have had a good deal of bad weather but this day is the worst of the whole some have been talking about a dreg but what is every bodys business is nobodys business Capt Choat is a very seaman i should think & i have no fault to find with any man only that some very profane it is as much as one can do to get grub enough to keep soul and Body together i believe i have not been dry since we sailed Sun Obscure No Observation to day

Thursday Decr 27 1849

Begins to day with fresh Gales from the NW and a heavy cross sea running. Seced her off E & E under double reefed fore sail & ballance reefed Main sail at 10 P.M. moderated latter part the wind hauled off the Southward tacked ship & stood to the eastward with a moderate breeze & a falling sea broke open the fore hatches and got up a barrel of potatoes and other articles of necessaries covered the decks with wet cloths all hands well except Mr Williams & Joseph H. Hitchcock this little ship is in constant confusion between one thing & another at 10 saw a ship on the lee beam standing to the East supposed it to be the Oscola of Damariscott for California i am getting along pretty comfortably to day since i have got my boots out of my old chest & under the fore hatch my feet having been wet about all the time for ten days this is one of the best little vessels i ever went to sea in our Officers are pretty clever fellows & the company in general plenty to eat but not cooked in the best style the weather here in their latitude is not very warm we have on the whole had a boisterous passage so far but thank heaven we are all alive yet

Lat By Obs

Longt

15

Friday Decr 28 1849
Commences with fine weather & fresh Gales from South and an old sea from the Eastward carrying whole sail to the best advantage. Steering S & E by compass at 12 M. H. freshens put one reef in the Main sail Charles Berre Myself Mr Shuttler & Joseph H. Hitchcock are in a watch Hitchcock is quite sick & unable to be on deck i cannot tell what the matter is with him I am comparatively been dry two days the little ship leaks considerable with a heavy press of sail it is wholly in the upper works at 4 o'clock this Morning saw a sail ahead standing to the Eastward came up with her latter part freshens the old Man Choat says you had better reef her down for this South wind will be down on you all of a rush directly he hits things well we have a pretty jolly time first rate singing & instrumental music i am sorry to say that i have lost my green jacket i am afraid as i cannot find it we are now going off S & E by East with as much as we can fly with and pleasant weather

No Obs to day Lat by D R 410 - 24
punching

Longt by C N time 51 - 20

Saturday Dec^r 29-1849

Commences with fresh Gales from N.W. running S.E. & east with fine pleasant weather carrying whole sail at 6 P.M. put a single reef in the main sail & reefed the fore sail & squally through the night at 9 reefed the main sail & fore sail i have lost my cap this fore noon and sorry am i for it three sick men on board and the lower Cabin deluged in dirt if we can keep clear of the ship fever i think we shall do well It is quite cold here to day the wind blowing directly from New Foundland we are flying off to the E.S.E. with as much as we can carry our reefs to

Leatt by Obs 40-24 Longt by C. N time 48-00

Sunday, Dec^r 30-1849

Fine part of the 24 hours fresh Gales from N.W. at M. N. moderate carrying whole sail latter part very fine & pleasant weather with a South wind & smooth sea this is the Lord's day O that we were all disposed to keep it as we should some i hope are as they have got their Bibles & other religious books while others are engaged reading Novels & other literary trash Thank God there is a little band of professed on board to my agreeable disappointment they are Mr. Williams Mr. Fullerton & Ephraim Hatch the sick are cared for with the care of a Woman

Leatt by Obs 39-47 Longt by Chronometer 45-18

on the whole we have a very good time the cooks are improving fast in the way of preparing their grub we are highly entertained & even delighted with the music in the lower cabin in the evenings Charles Berry is enough to keep every one board laughing the whole time with his Nonsense this is indeed a beautiful day the finest since we left for which i hope to thank God for

Monday Dec^r 31-1849

Commences with fine pleasant weather & light breezes from South all the canvass drawing to the best advantage heading S.E. by South with 15° westerly Variation at 10 P.M. reefed the Mainsail double single reefed the fore sail hauled the flying & jib of jibs at 4 A.M. it moderate set whole sail with a smooth sea clear sky all hands employed variously employed some setting up rigging & getting ready to set the Main top mast Stay Sail while others are disposed about the decks some reading others sleeping and my self at the wheel as for our Capt Choat he has been growling through the day because things are not done up to meet his approbation but no body cares much for his growling he is now taking some Altitudes of the sun at 3 o'clock to find his Longitude by chronometer time saw a number of whales to day killed a turkey to get it in readiness for the coming New Years day Joseph St. Fletcher cock not well yet

Leatt Obs 38-43 Longt 42-58

Tuesday Jan^r 1st - 1850

Pleasant fine air to day with moderate breezes from the S.W. first part of these 24 hours with a smooth sea all sail set to the best advantage last night - was ^{very} noisy with a great deal of noise about the decks & in the cabin some called it an Irish wake & others a Methodist power wow or watch meeting I think they must have been some of the good creature about or they would not have made so much noise To day we have dined on turkey made in to a soup the weather is getting quite comfortable & the winds up briskerous we have received this 24 hours broached a barrel of flour to day broke up the fore hatch this morning got out some blocks rigging wood &c after the supper is over and and the shades of night fall upon us we all assemble to gether in one or the other of the cabins or on deck and then we sing till we are tired better music I never heard any where all hands join & all have good voices Peckham Ball is our leader and a professed singing master there is a good deal of sport here amongst this California crew I have commenced reading a work on Popery Alexander Weeks sits now at the table by my side rewriting his Journal I don't know who will write the most nonsense he or myself Young Fitchcock does not seem to get much better I don't know what ails him latter part wind headed us off our course

Lat by Obs 38.22 Longt by cron 110-13

Wednesday Jan^r 2^d - 1850

Fine weather the first part of these 24 hours with moderate winds from south & a clear sky Middle part lit winds with heavy wool from the Eastward making but little head way latter part over cast weather & small breezes from the Southward saw a sail standing to the Eastward the Boys have staked the fore mast & a part of the deck about the jib of jibs cut a piece off the clew to make it set better So Melles I has been acting the drunkard on the house to the amusement of all hands Mr. Williams is about clocks to day quite smart also Joseph H. Fitchcock but he can't keep up long at a time Richard Fitchcock is standing his regular watch with rest of us & pretty well cured of the seasickness Capt Talbot & Capt. Choat are working up the ship's day run by log Alex Weeks is reading a novel along side of me he had better be reading his Bible I think Joseph Melles & my self begun the jib but Capt. Hull and I don't know who are finishing it we have done but little for the last 24 hours towards getting to Cape de Verde having made seven miles northward had a nice pudding for dinner half cooked I feel sick having worked so hard this fore noon the lower cabin is a stinking place ^{some} are about to abandon it I am afraid they will get the ship fever unless they keep cleaner

Lat. Obs. 38-31 Longt 39:11 by D. R.

Thursday Jan^r 3^d - 1850

Berry moderate and a heavy swell heaving from the Eastward set up the bob stays & other head rigging the sky beclouded & it looks dull and heavy had a nice pudding for supper boiled in salt water Middle part moderate the wind hauled to the Eastward heavy old swell from S.E. my watch on deck from 4 till 8 took a bad turn of the cholice in consequence of eating that salt water pudding last night took some hot drops & got better William Keniston of Boothbay is laid up with a bad humor in his hand and by the look of him he will have a worse turn yet if he does not get it out of his blood this morning took a breeze from the Eastward which I hope will prove to be the regular trades although we did not expect to fall in with them yet had some squalls the latter part of the 24 hours & rain bent the jib of jibs & the main top mast stay sail this forenoon & set them much to the satisfaction of Capt Choate got up the syceersail yard put in the sheers fitted perril & other rigging but have not bent the sail yet the men are so much beat out with their forenoon work that they have turned out to take some rest Choate is in his birth room end foremast reading a novel by the light of his birth window we seem to be out of the track of all vessels as we have seen but two since we past Georges we have but 3 sick men on the list at present I hope they will soon recover no Ob

Lat 38-05

Longt 66-00

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Friday Jan^r 4th - 1850-

Squally the first part of this 24 hours stowed the outer jib hauled down the main top mast stay set the wind about East heading South at 8 P.M. respect the main sail stowed the middle jib Squally with a rough sea Middle moderate to some later part Squally heading south with the wind E.S.E. to day had beans for dinner both stewed & Baked or half cooked there has been a good deal of swearing about the brake fast & dinner Capt Hall has not eat either saw large school of flying fish at the middle jib but have not done any work to day on account of the roughness of the sea I feel tired of this confinement already only think of being confined to so small a space the whole decks of this small vessel would afford and then the quarter deck taken almost up by the House and the main deck lumber up from the bulk head to the windlap with spar spars and water casks chain boxes boat & provisions & other trumphy any bones ache for want of exercise it is squally while I write started to go on deck Capt Tolbert says no smaller it grows there again the trades are not berry free as yet I hope they will haul aft before long we want to pass the Cape & Bird Islands if we can to lift our bow sprit & find the leak

Lat 36-50 Long 68-00

1850
Saturday Jan^r 5-1850

Rough Squally weather to day carrying a piece of sail to keep to windward as much as possible towing the trawls far to the southward this little craft lunging into a head beat sea thrash doing no such thing as keeping still any where without holding on I wish the wind would haul aft & the sea get smooth this has been a rough passage so far but I hope as we get south we shall be favored with pleasant weather had a good deal of excitement with our cook & Steward as we seldom get more than one meal at a time that is fit for any person to eat they have invariably boiled their beans & rice in salt water as the cook confessed to me this forenoon & pleaded ignorance for his excuse he and the Steward have asked to be discharged from the responsibility of their various duties I have been offered great chances to except the Over sight of these things but I think they will not catch my finger in that crack yet a while Old Capt Galt & myself have scrubbed up the upper cabin floor this forenoon the lower cabin has not been so much as swept to my knowledge since we left the wharf in Demariscotta there it is immersed in all the dirt that has accumulated beside the fith that that has been speered off there nasty stomachs & a good many more have just been lecturing them on the subject & if that will not do something else will have to I have been aloft twice to day to sea if I could see one solitary sail but could see nothing but the broad Atlantic difficult to write to day

Lat Obs^d 32-38 Longt 38-7

23
Sunday Jan^r 6-1850

commences with rough sea & strong breezes from S.E. carrying whole sail at 12 Mr Mcclure reefed the main sail single reefed the fore sail took the bonet off the jib latter part rough sea wind far to the southward heavy sky J. Mcclure is quite sick can't keep any thing on his stomach J. G. Hitchcock keeps about the same don't come on deck much appears weak & debilitated Mr Williams has been on deck 2 or 3 hours to day but gains but little had a stiff dinner to day & it was very well cooked they have done better since the fair up yesterday the company are dispersed about the cabins & decks reading some one thing & some another

Lat Obs^d 33-15 Longt by Chron^t 38-36.

Monday Jan^r 7-1850

Rough sea to day with strong southerly breezes from carrying reefs to it & making little head way middle & latter part J. G. Mcclure reefed & made sail according to the breeze the sick are about the same as they have been the people in the lower cabin have got their clumage up on deck to day & scrubbed out the dirt there has been a good deal of fuss to day again they did not get the rice cooked in season for dinner I am sorry to hear so much grumbling & dissention for after all I pretty thin know better as they do this is a hard hearted wind to day

Lat 33-03 Longt by D.R. 38-14

Tuesday Jan^r 8 - 1850

Strong Gale from the south & a heavy sea running carrying short sail & a good deal of spray flying. Daniel Mullus is cutting a scuttle through the upper cabin floor to let the air down i think it is a good plan fresh breezes Middle part Ripped the main sail & took in the middle jib latter part moderated got whole sail on her the wind in the same old quarter heading E S E with an old sea Mr Tuck the former cook has vacated his office & Esq. Cook has taken his place here a very dinner very well cooked the people that have been sick seem to be better to day, i hope they will continue so the crew have been impt up to day about sundry jobs some one thing some another this southerly is rather hard against us i hope we shall find the regular trade soon as we have been hunting for them for some time first on one tack & then on the other Mr Ephraim Hatch has got in pretty good spirits & a good appetite to his meals poor fellow has had some sea sick jackets since we left i think he would give boot to be on shore now we have a good many clever men here & now & then snarly one but on the whole we have a good deal that we should be more thankful for than we are

Lat 33. Longt. 36-37

25
Wednesday Jan^r 9 - 1850

Fine pleasant weather all these 24 hours with lite winds an old roll & clear sky at 1 P.M. wore ship to the eastward Southward Made a S. W. by S. head i for got say that we have altered the trim of this vessel having taken the chains out of the boxes from foreward of the gally & stowed them snug aft to the bulk head it is astonishing to see the difference there is now between her sailing and pitching in to an Old head beat sea Middle part of the 24 hours as well as the latter part has been charming a fair chance for one to get fore & aft without getting drenched at 11 A.M. saw a barge to leeward standing to the N.W. the fraternity of cooks stewards & bottles washers have been doing a good business for these 24 days since Esq. Cook has been Over seeing them Operations no grumbling about dirty dishes & half cooked messes these long winded southerly winds are a cruel betwee must submit to the Order of providence and make the best of it the people have been amusing themselves with their pistols firing at a mark while my humble self was engaged in reading a cruise of the Frigate Potomack to take the Mullays for a piracy committed on an American Merchant man the sick are doing pretty well to day

Lat 32 37 Longt by Cross 35-50

Thursday Jan^r 10 - 1850

These 24 hours fine without exception S & E winds going close hauled to the southward with the lit sails so took off the forward & after hatches found things in a damaged state Capt Choates trunk of cloths spoiled all hands employed at sundry jobs some setting up the head stays some making jaff topsail stays some one thing & some another had a piece of pudding for dinner the sick are convalescent i think they will finally recover our intention has been to stop at one of the Cape de Verdes to take out our bow sprit & stop the leak under it but these S.E. trades will not permit us to fetch there so we shall make the best of our way for St Catharines i feel almost tired of the confinement on board this little craft already what must it be before i get to California if i should live to get there my bones often ache for want of exercise beside that i often get disturbed by night walkers coming into the Cabin at hours when all should be still but the watch on clock whenever there is but little lace here it is warm to day and it looks somewhat tradish i feel anxious to get along a little faster than we have been for the last 10 days we have been 28 days at sea and here we are in only 31-29 North Lat & Longt 35-29 may the good lord give us a good wholesome N.E. trade wind so that we shall be able to make at least two degrees of Lat for every 24 hours

Lat 31-29 Longt by Chron time 35-29

Friday Jan^r 11 - 1850

27
Fine weather to day with little flattering breezes of wind from the south & eastward at 4 A.M. tacked ship to the eastward at 6 A.M. tacked again to the southward the sick appear the weldest to day that they have been yet all hands employed to day at sundry jobs of ships duty the two Mulluses turning in the fore rigging afresh others doing carpentering jobs at work on rigging &c this has been the busiest day that we have had on the passage it being very warm and smooth sea these winds are too southerly yet to be called trades but i live in hope that we shall hit them soon saw a sail standing to the Northward appeared to be a brig Mr Williams has been on deck all this day so far he is now on the quarter deck just commencing a Journal of the voyage rather late in the day i think after being at sea almost a month and confined to the lower cabin too i think he will want a good deal of information after all i have the deck and all hands employed at their jobs to write up to days Observations they may do as i have done work till they are tired & then quit i shall call no names but there is a man on board that i do pity for all hands have got against him & i think he will have reason to wish him self at home but i have spoken in his behalf all that he has done that which was wrong in itself

Lat 30-25 Longt by Chron time 35-57

Saturday Jan^r 12 - 1850

Begins with pleasant w^{ind} and lite gales from S & E warm all hands imployed in various jobs of ships duty heading to the south & westward jarr on the wind middle part berry moderate all hands imployed to about ships duty getting the squair sail ready set it about 11 P.M. this has been a berry warm calen day we are now in the horse latitudes between the trades & variables we have done a good deal of work to day our squair sail is too deep it will have to be cut off at the foot 4 feet we have got the flying top sail nearly ready to set i hope Capt Choate will sleep well to night the sea has been remarkable smooth to day the hatches have both been off all day to are the hold it looks berry much like trades now at though the wind what there is of it is N.W. and a clear sky long looked for will i hope come at last the sick are doing first rate Mr Williams has took his meals in the upper cabin with us to day broached a barrel of flour to day it seems that a lot of flour will last us 12 day as we broached new years day i have been so busy to day that i have to write up my Journal by candle light i dont like this way of doing business berry well i have got quite a cold in my stomach which i have had for some time

Lat Obs 30.6 Longt by Cr time 36-2

29
Sunday Jan^r 13 - 1850

Commences with lite breezes from N.W. & smooth sea all sail set to the best advantage middle part moderate at 6 A.M. took a fresh breeze from the north & N.W.E. took in the squair sail as it will not set with out the wind nearly aft we have been running off from seven to nine knots from the reel all this fore noon all hands are in pretty good spirits to day since we have got a good wind this no doubt is the regular trades this running in to longitude 34 to find the trades is not what it is cracked up to be this is the lords day & ought to be kept in a religious manner but few there are here who appear to be disposed to pay much regard to it at though there are some who do feel their duty & obligation so to do the sick are doing well as could be expected save Joseph Henry Fitcher who tells me he does not feel so well to day as he has for some days past i never new people to be so long getting over sea sickness as they have been here but i think it is owing principally to their not taking exercise in the fresh air they will get apparently well while it lasts smooth weather & then as soon as it grows rough they are vomiting again there has been no grumbling about cooking since Esquim Look has come into office i hope i shall hear no more of on it this passage

Lat Obs 29-12 Longt by Cron time 34-47

Monday Jan^r 14 - 1850

This day commences with strong Gales from the N. N. E. we are running S. E. S. with a tolerable smooth sea some flying clouds the people employed reaching there Books a fine breeze through the night with a clear sky we have had a head wind & an old head beat sea for 14 days in succession until we took this wind I suppose that we shall run for the Cape de Verde in order to make them to see whether our Chronometer is correct although we do not intend to stop any where this side of St. Catharines latter part of these 24 hours fine breezes from E. N. E. clear sky & a long rolling sea heaving us along to the S. E. saw a sail to the southward this morning running something to leeward Mr. Berry has been making a bent Gasket for the square sail while I have been scaring on rattlings on the fore rigging others have been goping about the quarter deck & gally doing but little or nothing that I could see Capt Choate & some others to help him has been making a pair of cotton trousers & frock the square sail is bent & hoisted up for the present no more grumbling about that had for our dinner today beef & potatoes and boiled rice some of which seemed to be well done & some raw as though it had been put into the boiler just before the dinner was taken up but never mind I shall not stop to grumble nor find fault while there is a good fair wind blowing and the little Damaris core is moving along 7 or 8 knots per hour towards her port of destination

Lat 06° 27-28 Longt by Chronometer time 32-47

Tuesday Jan^r 15 - 1850

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Fine pleasant Gales from E. N. E. carrying whole sail to the best advantage moving along first rate at 8 A.M. a tall ship passed to the windward of us but not quite within speaking distance steering S. W. all the civilities passed between us were each to show a little Middle part squally wind hoisted ahead this morning Capt Choate & I had a spat and if he does not keep away from the vessel while I am at the wheel I shall be under the necessity of helping him off the quarter deck squally this forenoon took in the late sails cant head up our course by two points I do not much like their trades but must put up with them this is slow getting towards California no work going on today too many showers squalls had a berry good hash of fish & potatoes & boiled rice well cooked I have just been amusing myself playing on Hartly Hitchcock's Accordion but could not do much of a business at that I have been washing some shirts a pair of stocking towel &c I guess I shall have to try again before I get them white for my big jacket has stained them almost to death I am in the lower cabin sitting perched up on two chests with my book on two more writing up this Journal nobody with me but Capt D. Mellus who is making a hammock in readiness for the coming hot weather I was afflicted to night with a cankered throat just a blister on my arm today it is gone

Lat 06 2847 Longt by Grant time 31-14

Friday day
Jan 16 - 1850

Commenced to day with Squally weather & wind from Eastward hauled the life sails rough Sea Middle part frequent Squalls with rain showers when it came to. hot. luffed out the square standing to the Southward wind too scant to head up our course latter part steady. Gales and rough with clear sky the crew loyng about the decks & cabin doing or nothing beside reading or doing something worse. Capt Chot Capt Hall & myself have been at work this forenoon washing & scraping up the cabin floor while the people in the lower cabin have done the same had stewed & baked beans for dinner to day all hands have been satisfied with them for once two whales have been playing round us this forenoon first on one side & then on the other waving over bottom very minutely last evening we had quite a talk on religious matters E Hatch Chot Capt Talbot Col Curtis found some of them rather sceptical while others were more willing to confess the truth have a concert of singing every evening which helps to wear away the silent monotony of a sea life & often think of home & friends but it will not do to dwell on that too much as I am bound for the golden land of California moving well that that it is quite impossible to see them soon all hands are well to day so as to be about

Lat 24° 24' & Long by Chron 31 25

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Thursday
Jan 17 - 1850

Pleasant weather to day with clear sky & strong Gales from S.E. & a head beat sea carrying in the lower sails making but little head way all hands loafing sleeping reading or stretched on the floor in the evening had a concert both in the upper & lower cabins singing sacred music playing on instruments & so Muller in the lobby dancing to the amusement of all It is of little use to turn in here till late at night for we can sleep in all the noise & confusion there is going on before & or in the evening Middle part Squally and rough at 8 A.M. tacked ship to the Eastward set up the lee rigging fore & aft nothing more doing about decks to day as it is rather too rough Chot is very much displeased to think the winds are so unfavorable Others who are more interested than he take it as it comes with patience it is truly disappointing to be sure for we have had but little else than gales & head winds since we sailed but having food & recreation let us then with be content and not murmur against an all wise & kind Providence which has kept us thus far through the passage as well as through our past line had a plum duff for our dinner to day baked beef & potatoes well cooked & no grumbling I do hope that the good Lord will favour us soon with a fair wind if it can make for our good & his glory

Lat 23° 23' & Long 31 21

Sund. Jan 18- 1850

Jan 18- 1850

Spine pleasant for the first part of these 24 hours with fresh Gales from the Southward & an Old sea heading to the eastward Middle part Moderate & hazy overcast at 8 o'clock when I took the wheel I felt very much pressed at my stomach being stuffed with a bad cold this evening there was a great cyphering much took place in the upper cabin 8 60 was to be given 4 men one was to have one third the same was to have fourth the third was to have one fifth the fourth to have one sixth so each one drew his share to his full satisfaction & after all there was 8's left this forenoon the most of the people are forward with their staves doing their best Joseph H. Hitchcock seems to be the Bully cypherer ^{the} sick are about well although J. H. Hitchcock who belongs to our watch is not strong enough to turn out in the night with the hatches are all off to day to air the hold & the decks are covered from stern to stern with all kinds of trimmings Capt Talbot is stretched out on my chest with a severe pain in his bowels the affects of eating half boiled peas for dinner I have just administered to him a portion of Loos drops he says he feels better I am glad for he appears to be a clever fellow Thos & I are quite thick again we have a spat & it is over in one hour the southerly wind is dying away and I hope we shall have a better one in its room

Lat Obs 23:18 Longt Cron time 36-15

Satur. Jan 19- 1850

Jan 19- 1850

Berry moderate & pleasant with flustering breezes from the Southward & a smooth sea hazy sky all hands stirring about decks doing I hardly no what A Luck is setting up the main topmast rigging Choat & Talbot are taking attitudes of the sun to get the Longt by Chronometer time in the evening there was a great deal of frolicking & skye darning on top of the house especially amongst the Old men who ought to set a better example if some of them does not get a launch Overboard yet I think they will be lucky Middle part lite winds & calm at 8 I saw a sail to the westward a brig appears to be standing N.E. we have been making Northern these two last days rather part berry warm & calm clear air all hands employed busily reaching cyphering & loafing about the decks under the lee of the sails at noon a calm which is half a fair wind we are all berry anxious to get along to the Cape de Verde but we shall have to learn patience some of us are bare footed to day with but little other clothing on when as I think it is likely that my wife & young ones at home are shivering with the cold of the Northern blast

Lat Obs 23:21 Longt 29-07

Sunday Jan 20 - 1850

All these 24 hours fine pleasant weather with lite breezes from eastward laying up nearly our course which we have not done for about a week at 5 P.M. while below a sleep i had a summons to appear fourth with on the house with the rest of the company to see whether the company would have smoking continued on board or voted down after some deliberation it was voted that each one that wished should still have the privilege provided they would keep on the lee side of the quarter deck while smoking the reason of this meeting being called was in consequence of having set fire once to the fore sail on deck to be repaired by a coal of fire from some one pipe and to the square sail was set on fire by the same means more than that some have been known to go in to fore hold where there is eight casks of powder with pipe in mouth there is tobacco too much of this business carried on here but i dont wish to be punished for other peoples misdeed i shall smoke when i please but i think for my own health sake i shall not smoke so much in future as i have done nothing going on to day of any importance only there is a good deal of argument in the fore part of the vessel on scripture

Lat Ob^d 32-13 Longt B. 10 min 38-50

Monday Jan 21st - 1850

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Flying clouds to day with a smart breeze from East blowing up nearly our course stiff breezes through the night & squally carrying whole sail had as much as i could do to hold my self in my birth stater part continues fresh breezes from the eastward with a rough sea clear sky & warm sun our meeting Saturday has resulted i hope in some good for i see instead of the gally being thronged with people to lite there pipes only two solitary individuals go there & that is Capt Hall & my self & that quite seldom to what we did i think it will not do for me to smoke so much neither will it do to eat so much taking as little exercise as i have done for some time past - some here have become so fat they can hardly see out of there eyes two in particular John Little & Henry Hitchcock nothing doing of any kind on board excepting Mr. Williams who sits perched upon some damage forward the Gally teaching his scholars Arithmetic as that is his daily vocation the rest of the crew sleeping reading or loafing the Flour Cooks & stewards are preparing to make some mince pies i wonder what they will look most like i have been up the rigging a good many times to day to see if i could see a sail but nothing could i see but the broad Atlantic Lat Ob^d 20.23 Longt 24-56

Tuesday Jan^r 22 - 1850

Commences with strong gales from the East with a heavy swell from S & E running S & E per compass which course will carry us near to the Cape de Verdes from which we are now 240 miles distant this is as I have before remarked getting along slow toward the port of destination.

Middle part moderate & calm grows smooth the latter part beautiful with small breezes from the eastward set up the bowsprit rigging little else has been done to day the last 24 hours we have been going our course & have only made 1° - 17' Lat^t we have been five weeks at sea & have not got in to the lat^t of the Cape de Verdes yet but there is the least fretting about it I over saw amongst so many this is a very good natured crew of fellows as could be scared up every thing for the most go well with them we hope to have a good breeze for the next 24 hours so that we can make those Islands & then keep away on our course for St. Catharines Our Gentlemen cooks are making preparations to make some more mince pies I have not got rid of my cold & cough yet I think I shall stir up some Onions & make a soup this evening and see if that will loosen it up I do not wish to force Gent^l with provolins but I should like to be favored with a good wind to get along.

Lat^t Obs 19° 5' Longt 24° -

Wednesday Jan^r 23 - 1850

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Fine weather to day with fresh Gales from the E. N. E. & smooth sea carrying whole sail to the best advantage at dark took in the lite sails Middle part fresh breezes & rough latter part fine with fresh gales at 10 A.M. made the land bearing S. E. by E. the Island of St. Anthony the Northernmost of the Cape de Verdes in. Lat^t 17° 12' Longt 25° 19' found the Chronometer to be correct we have had a long passage thus far but I hope we shall have a good favorable trade now we are running along the westerly side of the Island with a fresh Gale & smooth sea all hands are in good life stirring about the decks sky larking some complain that they cannot sleep nor have not for many days & nights Cape hall in particular but by the noise I just heard through his breathing holes he has at last overcome his working faculties & gone to the land of nod Our next part of destination is St. Catharines where we intend to stop to lift our Bowsprit fill up our empty water casks &c and prepare to double Cape Horn had tongues & sounds for dinner to day very good they were but I think we had better work on things that are more perishable such as flour & hags hard that will not keep crossing the equator twice having seen the land no no matter about latitude to day.

Thursday Jan^r 24 - 1850

Commenced with strong Gales from E & E
set the kite sails steering S. by W. The land
about E. N. E. can see distinctly the Gutter
that has been cut down through the side of the
Mountain by lava from the volcano on the summit
set the square sail at 2 o'clock took it in again through
the night strong E. N. E. trades took in the kite sail
latter part freshened heavy sea running we are
now past - Bravo the southernmost of the group
of Cape de Verde run up 2° 50 miles Lat^t this 24
hours the Damariscove has heaved her bow
this fore noon cleared up the cabin by way of all
amusement too rough to do any work about the
vessel finally we are all rather too weary now
I don't ~~know~~ what will become of us yet if we don't
use a little more exercise than we now do I have
plenty of time to sleep but I sleep but very little
it is my watch on deck 4 hours every evening other nights
from 8 till 12 & every other from 12 till 8 the weather
is very warm for the most of the time want but
few clothes saw quantities of flying fish & birds of
different kinds I feel some relief of my cold
and cough had boiled rice for dinner today
& also boiled beef all hands are well to day &
pretty good natured A weeks has just been patching
up a boot on his arm

Lat^t Obs 14-34 Longt by Chron^m time 25-24

Friday Jan^r 25 - 1850

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To day begins with lite winds & calm saw a brig
to.eward standing to the southward at 3 P. M. the
wind breezed up at dusk took in the kite sails fresh
breezes through the night with a rough sea latter
part as much breeze as needfull saw great shoals
of flying & dolphins lots of them lit on outside
could see nothing of the brig this morning the
was to leeward of us last night I conclude therefore
that the Damariscove has out sailed her I don't
feel very well today my cough is dry & hard took
some syrup of motherwort administered by
Capt. Hull pretty good appetite yet especially
when the steward fetches along a steen full
been soup I have slept too much with my birth
window open & the night air blowing on me than
is considerable life here on the Ocean when
some of the Oldest men on board make the
most sport dancing over the top of the house
some are watching an opportunity to get
clip at another on an unnameable part with
a stone or something of kind all are good nature
jovial which is better far than to be peevish and
ill tempered I feel rather the best myself when
the wind is blowing a good breeze from aft the
beam & this little craft going 8 knots or more

Lat^t Obs 12-13 Longt by Chron^m time 24-31
at 9 o'clock

Saturday Jan^r 26 - 1850

This day commences with fine pleasant weather & fresh gales from S.W. & took in the late sails as the wind veered & hauled clear sky & hot sun all hands employ as usual stretched on top of the house and on either side of it I have taken my linen out my chest to day & carried them on deck to air broached abbe flour to day which makes 3 since the first day of this month the little schooner is flying through water like a ship jack towards the equator she has run up 14° Lat within one week besides several degrees of Longt I begin to feel desperate sleepy in my watch on deck & others complain of the same thing the day eve getting sultry all hands are getting almost too lazy to go to dinner when the bell rings this is very pleasant sailing the sea has got to be as smooth as a river the most to be done is to steer the vessel & keep her pumped out but I don't remember when I took hold of the one armed lady myself let the boys pump ship & steer they have got over that sea sickness & all hands have learned to steer a pretty good trick the pleasantest time in the 24 hours is between 6 & 9 when all hand assemble together on the quarter deck and loose to have their diversions of all kinds that their ingenuity can invent I feel rather better of my cold to day than I have for some time

Lat 0° 9 - 23 Longt by Cron time 23-46

Sunday Jan^r 27 - 1850

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These 24 hours pleasant weather with light trades & hazy sky & smooth sea carrying all sail and moving along easy through the water nothing to be seen only the broad blue Atlantic excepting now & then a shoal of flying fish or a booby all hands employed this afternoon bracing up the cargo in the fore hold to see the provision was to get a barrel of turnips which we could not find it being aft in the evening had sport on the hour which we laugh till I cried at 4 o'clock this morning just after I went on deck the crew from the lower cabin came on deck to strip & Bath there was some splashing & noise for a while they looked remarkably round & fleshy I thought although it was very little All hands employed reading singing & keeping the day as well as could be expected it would be here it seems as though we had got out of the track of every thing that moves on the surface of the deep in these sluggings as we have not seen a sail for a long time this is pleasant sailing going about 5 knots while there is scarcely a motion to the vessel I think a great many of the Old ladies would go to see if they could be accommodated with weather like this we are getting along fast towards the Equator where we shall be in three or four days if the S.E. trades winds hold out

Lat 0° 7 - 32 Longt by Cr. time 23-9-9 o'clock morning

Monday Jan 28 - 1850

Pleasant weather first part of these 24 hours light winds & very smooth sea all the canvass drawing. Our flying jom top sail is not bent yet though it should be as it is needed now I have bent my late cloths to day as it has got to be very hot weather at 6 P.M. Had a concert on top of the haw through the night from with Moderate breezes & a full moon this morning. Our watch below was annoyed by seeing a crew who came on deck to bath it seems they cannot stand the operation of having a bucket of cold water hove on to their naked hides without yelling to the top of their voices they will find that will not bave a bounce for they will find that their own stumbers will be disturbed if they persist in that course this fore noon rized the topsail yard & sent up the flying jom top sail all sail is now set on the Demariscove for the first time since we have to sea she looks rather majestic with all her late sails rolled down the NE trades have allready held out longer than could be expected we are steering South now & the wind is blowing over the tufferaid a pretty good breeze we are with in 5 degrees of the Equator May the good Lord favor us with a good time along towards St. Catharins standing about these decks on these hot latitudes makes my feet a legs ache although I am not killed with long tricks at the wheel

Leat Obs 5-35 Longt by Chron time 22-40

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Tuesday Jan 29 - 1850

Fine weather all these 24 hours with gentle breezes running South with all the late sails set all hands imployed striking out the cargo underneath after matches looking to see how the vegetables were got out some potatoes & turnips the boys having a longing for some to eat now in the evening had a concert of singing on the quarter deck & other amusement which did not brake up till a late hour the little Demariscove is moving along most majestically under a cloud of sail all hands making the best they can of the terms enjoying themselves in the best possible manner all good natured & pleasant latter part large shoals of porpises caught one skinned him found him to be full of wounds & bruises cast him out as a mercuries thing let Fullerton have him to try out for oil as for my self I have been mending a pair old trousers I think one half of all that I shall do this afternoon will be rather small not interely well of my cold & cough but improving some had a spell of the gripes this forenoon took some hot drops & got better it is about hot enough now the most of us placing about the decks bare footed with these trousers hanging about their hips and lary enough for almost any thing

Leat Obs 3-32 Longt by Chron time 21-57

Wednesday Jan^r 30 - 1850

First part of these 24 hours fine with little N.E. trades & smooth sea all hands busy about decks at 6 P.M. the wind headed us took in the square sails & all the flying kites I suppose the N.E. trades have left now for good they have done us a very good turn and now having followed us much nearer the equator than we expected middle part squally with heavy dashes of rain took in the jib of jibs got a pretty good drenching for one with such a cold & cough as I have my stomach feels no better but rather worse I wish I could get clear of it I do not like to have a cough on my lung so long at a time got out my change of rations the only substitutes I have for a wife & family kissed them most affectionately & layed them away Margaret has got some what elated song so Hansson a picture should fast some one put a harpoon into a porpoise to day when it was blow when the iron broke & the fish escaped death all hands are making themselves a pair of trousers of the drilling laces in for tent cloth latter part of this 24 hours sky obscured looks as if it might rain the winds variable flustering from South to South East Daniel Mellus & Alex Weeks have made a very nice wind suit to day to go from the top of the house to the lower cabin they have not got it before they needed it Capt. Choate is very pleasant & good natured to day for once he can do no better

Lat^t Obs^d 2-16 Longt by Chron time 22-08

Thursday Jan^r 31 - 1850

Very fine & pleasant all these 24 hours with good brisk breezes from S.E. smooth sea sky hazy there are the regular trades the sun very hot some of them have blistered their nicks very bad this morning I with Joseph H. Fliscock & Fullerton washed out some of the dirt from the ~~hopper~~ cabin some of the water run into my friend Keniston's birth which caused some hard words but when it was understood that it was accidental it was all over if any little matter happens here it does not last but a few minutes I am glad it is so the little ship has run up 2-18 miles Lat^t the last 24 hours on a 3/4 pint course with the sheets all aft at meridian we were only 11 miles from the Equator all hands are in grati glie at the thought of being so near the line some of them seem to think they shall see something that is wonderful they are shaving themselves up at this time thinking to save old niptone the trouble this is pleasant sailing indeed nothing to do but steer the vessel or lay down on the house & see her go it Mr Weeks is writing up his Journal on the opposite side of the table I don't know what he finds to chronicle down without he writes nonsense as I do Capt. Tho^s Hall sets among chest-making another pair of trousers the Old Gentleman seems to be really industrious to day Capt. Choate is in his bunk grumbling about a hair in his grate too

Lat^t Obs^d 11 miles N Longt by Chron time 23-12
noon

Friday February 1st - 1850

All these 24 hours fine weather. Gentle Gale from S.E. at two & half O'clock past over the Equator in Longitude 23-12 did not see Old ship then don't no whether the old Gentleman is dead or a lie. I think he must be dead. Had a concert in the evening as usual. I can find in this motley crew of 22 men 6 ship masters & 9 seamen 4 ship carpenters & riggers 2 boat builders three house joiners 3 merchants 7 farmers 2 justices of the peace 1 shoe maker 1 brick maker 1 butcher 1 saddler 1 wheelwright 2 black & gunsmith makers 1 spar-maker 2 Black Smiths 1 surveyor of Vessels 1 mason 2 caulkers & 2 sail makers besides One School master & One teacher of Music. I have looked in vain from aloft to see if I could see our solitary sail on the face of the deep but no here I am & here on board this little craft & make the best I can of it. O that I could behold the face of one lovely woman the best of heavens gifts to man how I should be pleased to see my better half & the children but I am going from them instead of drawing near to them. There has been an argument this afternoon on top of the house where we transact all our business as to the propriety of going round the Horn or through the Straights of Magellan we don't no how the policy runs having sailed before we got it affected.

Lat Oct 2-13 S. Longt by Cr time 24-36

Saturday Feb. 2 - 1850

Fine pleasant trades all these 24 hours with some sea & hot sun no lite sails set to day all about decks doing nothing too rough to meddle with rigging. The crew doing what they can to make sport. Mr. Heriston personifying Johnny Hooker J. S. Mellers a drunkard & Daniel Mellers a countryman who they call Filas Charles Berry Mr. Williams & St. Weeks discussing the subject of American Slavery & other subjects too numerous to mention I have not got over my cough yet - had a present of cough Syrup this morning friend Heriston I hope they will cure me some good as this cough wears me out I am more temperate in eating & drinking than I ever was before in my life it will not do to eat much when a person has no more exercise than we have here for when our tricks at wheel is equally divided it only leaves only 1 hour & 30 minutes a piece out of the 24 hours which is about all that is to be done as for the pipe I have smoked but little since the great meeting that is over in the morning before Brake past & over after each meal poor Capt. Cheat I pity him for he has got the goat in his right grate too poor old fellow I don't no what will become of him the little craft has done the greatest days work she has 24 hours that she has done yet.

Lat Oct 4.42 S. Longt by Cront time 25-50

Sunday Feb 3^d 1850

All these 24 hours fine pleasant weather & fresh trades with a powerful hot sun I find the air to be very close have as much as I can do to keep my eyes open in my watch on deck the sun has got to be almost vertical I keep coughing & sneezing yet Capt. Hall gave me a bottle of Thauroughwort Surrip this morning I keep trying a little of every thing that comes along This S. W. is digging for St. Catharines as far as possible at 8 A.M. set gaff topsail & main topsail & staysail at meridian the wind hauled aft set the square sail & fore topsail very smooth sea to day been aloft twice to day to see if I could see any thing that looked like a sail but could not we have been doing a good business every day since we passed the Cape de Verdel Islands in the first part of Our passage had been as good we should have now been to St. Catharines & likely to have been ready to leave but we are bound to take things as they come and no grumbling have plum duff for dinner to day but provisions are full as plenty about thirteen as appetites there is a grate concert of singing on top of the house while I am writing up this Journal the little Demeriscow is speeding her way along on a S.W. course while I can scarcely feel her lurch to windward at all she appears to be determined to do the best she can towards taking the curse off the first part of the passage

Scott Obs 17 - 3 Long by lat time 27 - 22

Monday Feb 4 - 1850

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Pleasant trades to day with a berry smooth sea every thing set fore and aft hot sun if it was not for this fresh breeze I think it would make some of these fat ty's pant spent the day in reading singing & all hands pretty civil at 6 P.M. took in the fore top sail & M. S. Staysail the sea making fast ^{with hauler} Midell part fresh gales & rough latter part ^{the} strong gales took in the square sail been aloft to day to see if I could see any thing saw nothing but the sea & skye Joseph Mellus has cut five pair of trousers to day some are berry busy making them up even to Col. Lantier an old ship carpenter with his huge paws & fingers as big as belaying pins what a life this is to live to sleep awhile then rise up & eat awhile then go on deck & take the wheel or walk the deck as far as one can go without tumbling over triumphery which is not far at best I think some times is it possible that I am doomed to dwell out months of a miserable existence here in this little vessel without the least chance of escaping I start up as quick as possible & banish all such things from my mind & fall to some thing to take up my attention & say as the Apostle did having food and raiment let me thence with be content I mit be a great deal worse off

Scott Obs 9 - 36 Long by lat time 24 - 22

Tuesday Febr 5 - 1850

Commences with Gentle trades & smooth sea all sail standing at 3 P. M. made a sail standing towards us hauled our wind in order to speak her set the colors but she soon hauled her wind & left us she was a brig standing to the Northwards good luck to her let her go i think they did not like the look of us at 6 P. M. fresh Gales took in the fore top sail and main top ~~sail~~ stay sail Middle part fresh gales striped my self in my watch in the night & had a good scrub & wash set the top sail & stay sail set up the weather rigging fore & aft and that before broke just what hard times we have here to be turned too so soon in the morning i think Mr. Williams & some others had better keep away from my birth window to have there chat before 8 o'clock in the morning there is a grate deal of tailoring going on here to day about all hands having a fair under way it will be my turn next here is Capt. Choate using rather improper talk for a Gentleman gets mad & swears at his pen awhile and then at his chart which he pretends to say is not correct Capt. Talbot & Hall laughing at him for his inconsistency this is a hot day the decks too hot for any living person to set his bare feet on i shall be glad when we get out of these hot digings. Mr. Hall is making the Colonel a pair of breeches

Lat Obs 12-6 Longt by Cr time 30-33

Wednesday Febr 6 1850

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Commences with berry moderate trades & hot sun smooth sea all hands imployed at sundry jobs of there own inventions at 6 P. M. took in the square sail & fore top sail in the night saw two sail standing to the Northward Mr. Hulston & Joseph Williams sick at 6 set the square sail & top sail saw a ship to windward standing N^o & E exchanged collars found her to be french deep loaded all hands laying about decks in squads doing nothing today we are enjoy^{ing} our selves in the bes manner we can a good fresh comfortable trade we have made a good 24 hours run Mr. Hall has commenced writing a letter to send home when we arrive at St. Catharines got Margarets picture & hung it up in a berry conspicuous place where all hands could see it we have been at sea 50 days to day & i did not in that i had a brother mason on board till this fore noon when Capt. Talbot took out his diploma and showed it to me and found out that i was his Brother he was highly pleased i have not tried him yet to see how ^{the hell} ~~best~~ shall when i have a convenient opportunity i dont know but Capt. Choate is one i have not soundered him yet but i will this masonry is a berry necessary ingredient amongst other things to take on a California voyage

Lat Obs 14-23 Longt by Cr time 32-13

Thursday Feb 7 - 1850

First part of these 24 hours pleasant weather & brisk trades smooth sea carrying all sail all hands employed with spare needles making trousers. Since we have crossed the equator we have run over 1200 miles distance making an average of a little more than 8 knots an hour for the whole ~~time~~ which I call good sailing for a small craft I have noticed every night since we crossed the line two small bright clouds in appearance ^{like} a whitish haze bearing about South by west allveins in the same place they tell me they are continually there in this latitude the milky way runs from S.E. to N.W. never changing their course in the least the heavens are thickly studded with stars which shine with great lustre I have seen some very handsome sunrises in these clings but I have not seen any of those splendid sun settings that I have heard so much of we are not in a high latitude enough yet I expect at 6 P.M. took in the fore top sail as usual as it is a flying sail it is difficult taking it in in the night and it is apt to be squally in the night more than in the day time at 4 P.M. took in the square sail in a squall at 8 set square sail & fore top sail something rough to day we are gaining towards the coast of Brazil fast most likely we shall be on sounding to night

Lat Obs 16-51 Long by Chron 34-2

Friday Feb 8 - 1850

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These 24 hours commenced with pleasant weather and fine Gale carrying all the masts we have to set smooth sea no whales or flying fish to be seen for several days the business of trousers making is good yet part of the crew under the shade of the square sail and the rest in the cabin the weather is intensely hot although we have got the sun to the Northward he has a better chance on us than when ahead for then the sails shaded us a part of the time it is well for us that we have fresh trades all the time for if it had fallen calm here under a vertical sun as it frequently does we should have suffered very much I have been making myself a pair of drilling trousers which I have just finished this morning got caught in a squall had some trouble to take in the life sails the rigging having been belayed sheets halyards down hauls & every thing else to ine pin got an anchor & some belaying pins & gave every rope its proper place I have got but little better of my cold as yet but hope to sweat it out soon have seen no vessel lately we have run for the last 17 days 2400 miles we are within about four days sail of St Catharines where we intend to stop to lift our bow sprit and water &c

Lat Obs 19-7

Long by Chron 34-53

Saturday Feb 9 - 1850

These 24 hours pleasant trades but rather lite wind well aft smooth sea every thing set that would draw men hot enough to make corn grow scarce finding a place whan the sun cant get at one all hands employed by turns yet in making white drilling throw sers took in the fore top sail at 6 P.M. as it is not safe to carry it in the night one hand has to go aloft every time it is set or taken in to bin or unbend the sheets & it is dangerous work in the night i find it as much as i can do to keep my eyes open in my watch in the night the night air is so hot & close but little water swashing about decks this moderate weather made rather less latitude the last 24 hours than we have for about 20 days i wish i ever recd of this cold & cough it is worse to day than it has been for some time all hands are lively and good humored but i think they must feel tired some times after all if there was no more than an ordinary crew of 6 men it would be more tedious still i have made a place to sleep in my wifes dressing room to be company for me when no body else is in the cabin we shall probably be in the latitude of Rio Janeiro to morrow by this time

Lat Obs 21-8 Longt by Chron time 37-38

Sunday Feb 10 - 1850

Commences with very moderate lite winds the people strowed all about the decks whan ever they can find the most comfortable place wind blowing right over the tafferail the fore sail hauled up & out of the way Capt Hall & A Weeks making them a pair of indispensables Middle part fresh gales the trades far to the North & Eastward carried the fore top sail all night at 2 A.M. gibed ship steering S.W. by W. this is the first time the starboard tack has been about for over 20 days something rough to day for this pleasant Ocean at 9 o'clock saw a brig to the eastward of us standing to the westward we have been running for Cape Trio but shall not see it being about 80 miles to the eastward which is in Lat 23-1 Longt 41-59 this is Sunday according to civil time some of the people are receding some in history some in novel some in one thing & some in another as for Capt Choate Talbot & Hall they are trying to see if they can puzzle out a passage through the Straits of Magell on a Chart of the South Atlantic Ocean i think they had better read than Bibles to day and when we arrive at St Kitts get a chart for the special purpose My cough is about the same i hope before another Sunday to be somewhere that i can be still for a little while

Lat Obs 23-00 Longt by Chronometer 39-31

Monday Feb 11. 1850

This day commenced with fresh N.E. trades & thick weather & some sea carrying whole sail at 4 P.M. it freshened at six took in the lee sails reefed the main sail and secured her under that & the square sail & through the night heavy roiling sea some sprinkles of rain. Moderate latter part wind hauling to the westward and died away all hand employed in unlash-
 ing every thing about the decks cleaning up the decks of
 along while gathering of dirt overhauling some
 things in the hold seeing on a grate many rattlings
 put some repairs on the square sail the sun has
 been very hot to day by the look of some of them feet
 and necks i hope the hardest part of this days
 work is over having been at it ever since before
 Breakfast This is the first head flaw we
 have had for three weeks or more i hope however
 the trades are not going to leave us yet especially
 this side of St. Catherine for we feel anxious
 to get there as soon as possible to repair that which
 is out of order & get ready for the remainder of
 this passage down the South Atlantic Ocean
 to the Straits of Magellan where we intend
 to go through the wind permitting us i have
 still to complain of my olex and cough i wish i
 could get rid of it so that i could strip of some of my
 sheeps wool

Lat 24-38

Long by Chron 12-11

Tuesday Feb 12 - 1850

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This day commenced fair with lite S.W. winds and
 hot sun standing to the south & eastward on the
 wind overcast weather through the night
 very moderate at standing to the W.S.W.
 with a heavy swell from the Southward and
 looked thick & squally and appearance of rain
 at 10 it freshened took one reef in the main
 sail the outer jib hauled and all the lee
 sails it is rather unpleasant & uncomfortable
 not much going on on board to day too rough
 to do any thing either on deck or below i have
 got no better that i am of taken some painkiller
 by advice of Mr Joseph Mellus seen no defects
 yesterday nor to day although considerable
 near the coast i keep getting my clothes and
 feet wet too often for my good it is a poor
 way to get clear of a cold of 8 weeks standing it
 looks at present as if we might have a fresh
 pretty fresh breeze this afternoon & night
 got the sun this morning to work longitudo
 at Meridian the sun was obscured got no
 observation Capt Choat is waiting for me
 to finish so that he may occupy the table
 so i will just quit for this afternoon we have
 had a good observation every day for 48 days running

Lat 24-52 Long by Chron 12-27

Wednesday Febr 13 - 1850

This day commences with very rough weather & blowing heavy from S.E. sea running very high hauled the middle jib reef. The fore sail battered down the Hatches made every thin snug at 6 some showers the sea increasing Capt Chout very uneasy for fear of a long Gale as it is blowing square on to the land and having had no observation don't no how near we may be to the land night before last dreamed of seeing my wife i don't like to have dreams of seeing my friends when i am at sea it is always a precursor of trouble i will just mention a circumstance that took place this morning some time ago Capt Chout recommended that every man should scour and take care of his own knife & fork he at the same time putting his into his chest since that some of the forks have been broken & others lost while he has been monopolizing the best on the table this morning Daniel Robinson went to his chest & got them out rust dirt & all & laid them on his plate which greatly exasperated him and the poor old man lost his brake past poor old fellow pitty him he is rather too full Aristotle very for the California crew the Damariscorn is close hauled to the wind with every thing out that will draw the weather very pleasant and sea falling & a clear blue heading as i suppose for St Catharines

Latt Obs 26.6 Longt by Chrono time 44 55

Thursday Febr 14 - 1850

Commences the day with fine pleasant weather & light winds from S.E. the sea growing smooth fast some are firing their rifles at birds & some at marks others are sewing at their trousers & i have just finished putting a pocket in mine smooth sea this evening and a gentle breeze gain large at the rate of 5.9 knots this evening saw for the first time that which i have heard so much about a splendid sun set when the clouds were tinged with colors of the richest hue it is worth considerable of a sail to witness one of those sunsets in these latitudes saw numbers of land birds such as Cape hens & they had many shots fired at them at no purpose like winds through the night this morning saw a very handsome sunrise almost equal to last night's sunset the sun gilded the clouds with the richest colors that can be imagined this forenoon cleared the cabin of chests & all moveables & had a thorough wash out the house covered over with fish & every other part of vessel with cloths ricing & all Mr. Fle is having a berth fitted up not having one of his own before since he has been on board the ship i am glad for him poor fellow he has been riveted from one plan to another long enough the wind is very light this forenoon & the sun hot enough

Latt Obs 26.45 Longt by Chrono time 46 9

Friday Febr 15 - 1850

Fine weather to day and fresh N & E trades running for St Catharines at 8 P.M. have too soundered no bottom run till 12 midnight soundered found 50 fathoms took in all sail but the Mainsail & main jib haul too S & E till 4 A.M. at day light made the land ahead bearing from S S E to W S W high Mountains remain for it Overhauled a rang on both chains got ready to go into port at 1 o'clock P.M. was boarded by a boat from the fort & ordered to anchor & lay out 6 days quarantine to our chagrin before we can be admitted on shore to wood or water at 3 P.M. the brig Eclipse of Halifax N.S. passed us a short distance & shared the same fate as ourselves had to anchor & undergo quarantine the boat from the fort boarded us the second time Capt Talbot offered the officer a letter for the American Consul he got mad and away he went swearing in his own language & would not take the letter i dont like these Brazilians already all hands are well and fat although were are obliged to undergo quarantine we are not even allowed to get our Boat out what an arbitrary set of fellows these are i shall close this day journal at 12 to night to begin a harbor Journal i am not well of my cold yet

Saturday Febr 16 - 1850

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This day commences with calms & hot sun and calms Capt Talbot poor man is quite sick to day had a cold sweat all last night a griping in his bowels something bordering on fever and ague this morning the American Consul came along side appeared a gentlemanly fellow & offered any thing that came within his province this forenoon got an evening over the house cleared up the main deck it looks so altered i hardly recognize where i am at 10 the trades set in fresh an Amere^{can} Brig got under way made a few tacks could do nothing & anchored she is bound to the land of Ophir to gather gold there is two American ships laying further up the roads one from New York i believe & the other from Boston besides a Brig all bound for California about one hour ago a Schooner arrived from New Orleans bound to California also the people since they have got the decks cleared up have had a smart dance there is now a concert of singing between the fore mast & Gally and that too of sacred music so soon they can change there exercise from one thing to a nother i forgot to state that a quite a number of canoes along side this morning with fruit eggs & milk &c i bought a bottle of milk to put in our chocolate i remember the price of three eggs are putack per dozen if any one can tell how much that amounts to the Mountains are all around us

Saturday Sunday Febr 17-1850

This day has been beautiful through out a warm sun & clear sky & a fresh trade wind this morning we were surrounded with the natives in their log canoes with friends of almost all descriptions to sell in the absence of the Officers of the fort who have gone to church to offer up their devotions to the Virgin Mary & the saints as I suppose for they would not be allowed to do so if they were in sight with a vessel in quarantine brought lots of Oranges pine apples Water Melons limes bananas & other fruit that I am not able to name they appeared very civil and almost well dressed these are portuguese or Brasililians who live under an Emperor who resides in Rio Janeiro the Capital of this Empire in one of the boats along side this morning I saw some of the handsomest flowers that could be imagined the man who could talk some english told me that his wife made them & invited me when the days of bondage were ended to call & see him at his house I think I shall avail myself of the opportunity if it ever arrives I will say something of the land scape around me I am surrounded with the everlasting hills or Mountains that God made and they look beautiful as Mountain scenery always did this roadstead or anchorage place is a thoroughfare between a long range of Mountainous Islands on one hand and the mainland on the other equally high it dined today on some South American fresh beef for the first time in my life having written a long letter this afternoon I am almost tired & I suppose Mr. Weeks is so here quit

Monday February 1850

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Here weather all day with trades rather southerly, very hot sun came up with the heat going to day took out the bow sprit found a very bad leak under it caulked & secured it & set it again apart of the crew have struck out the greatest part of the provisions from the hold and arranged it in a different manner getting the heaviest articles nearest the bottom found some of the provision on very bad order one Barrel of cattles feet are fit for nothing but to hear over board a barrel of Coffee about spoiled the fish cod & pollock will have to be sold or lost there must be a good deal lost in our provisions the best we can do there are six vessels in this place all bound to California two ships two Brigs & two Schooners the Schooner Crescent City of Boston lays close to us had 93 days passage to this place Capt Talbot has been quite unwell for some days dont see as he gets much better every body else appears to be in first rate health & spirits saw two females this morning pass by in a boat the first that I have seen since I left my wife in Damariscotta they looked well although they were tawny this morning the natives came along with their fruit amongst which I saw some huckleberries the very same kind that grows in Bristol I will go on deck and see a stranger for I have not seen a yankee for some time

Tuesday February 19 - 1850

This day rather showery weather with variable winds all hands employed at sundry jobs of ships duty. The Capt went on shore to see the Governor & got a permit to fill water in the afternoon Col. Curtis and Capt Hall overhauling the quarters &c that has been neglected by the caulkers in the afternoon went on shore with six water casks filled then tried to tow them off but could not against the tide. Saw a wild Bullock Lapool and butchered the first thing of the kind that ever I saw down the mountain of Operations were then one horse man with a lasso which is made of green hide twisted goes a head and heaves it over his horns while the other a crew of negroes and another horseman follows after with the slack of the lasso the horse man behind then cuts one of his gambrels which disables him so that he cannot run the creature is then drove round a tree with the top cut off and one long limb left the bite of the lasso is then thrown over the limb and the foot men hauling it taught raises the head of the bullock up the forward horseman dismounts and with a long knife cuts his juglar vein he is then skinned and dropped by as many Brasilions can get round him saw great numbers of other vessels crews on shore besides the natives for my own part I have been rolling about so long I could hardly keep the forked ^{and} down

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Tuesday Febr 20 - 1850 Wednesday
Commenced Cloudy & showery with a regular trade wind went on shore and towed off the water casks Mr. Fullerton our Blacksmith has set up his bellows on deck and a temporary forge to do some jobs for the vessel he has many calls from other vessels to do work for them his trade in this place is very popular Capt Choat has borrowed a chant of the straits of Magellan & is pricking it off I hope he will get it correct part of the crew are drawing off the water that we have brought off & filling up casks that are stowed in the hold I hope we shall get ready to leave this place by the 22^d I don't think much of this country that is made up wholly of mountains with out any plains This afternoon the Governor came on board and discharged us from quarantine started what water we brought off this morning & the boat has gone ashore to fill more Capt Talbot has gone ashore too with 22 letters to put in care of the American Consul to be sent home 2 of which I sent myself This evening had a visit from the crew of the Sch^r Peruvit the mate & one of the passengers the ship Dalmatia from Boston is here bound to California a ship from New York and a brig we have dropped up to day abreast of the watering place this forenoon part of the crew have gone ashore to wash their clothes the rest are to go this afternoon if the boats get off

Thursday February 21 - 1850

This day has been fine clear weather with a fresh trade wind & hot sun all hand employed about sundary jobs of ships duty got the other six casks of water on board people washing there cloths this afternoon with some others went on shore to have our turn at washing met with large lots of Yankees all in great glee bound for California some of the first boats ever stayed on shore took a pompero with thunder & lightning & plenty of rain & some squall of wind these pompers always come from the southwest some times with great violence especially in the month of May & June i have seen and talked with a great many of the natives who appear to be very civil & friendly much more so than i expected that South Americans were this is a very fertile country but it is very poorly cultivated than is but little clear weather in this place it looks about us back the most of the time as it does in the state of Maine when when a thunder squall is gathering the authorities require us to go to the city to enter & clear whether it is right or wrong

A Mr Perkins of New Castle Maine has been on board about all this day paying us a visit i did not know who he was till just as he was going away

Friday Febr 22 - 1850

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To day a fresh southerly wind & clear weather Capt Talbot the two Mullins & Mr Gulerton stayed on shore last night. This morning a part of the crew struck down the mast of the water cleared away the trumpling & lashed down the spars and got things to rights as near as we could. Capt Talbot tried to get word of going to town but could not so perticater one these Brasillicans about than dealings with Yankees about so A. M. Capt Talbot came on board with a pilot by the name of Johnston a Yankee and commenced beating to windward against what is called a Pompero and a hand but it was worse my hand than with the jib sheets i have not been on shore yet for it was too late when we anchored i like the look of the country much better than where we have been for the last week the pilot says this vessel has beat through narrows that no other vessel ever has ever done i have seen a curiosity this afternoon that i never heard of before between two Mountains above of the city of St Catharines there is a fountain of hot water continually pouring up at a great height from the ground i can see it at the distance of at least 20 miles there is some very high mountains in this place i am not well of my colyer last night i dreamed of Emily thought she was sick at least i heard so

Saturday Febr 23 - 1850

Fine pleasant weather to stay with fresh gales from South Capt Talbot & the pilot went on shore this morning to enter the Depot & about half the company with him while the rest remained on board dried there cloths &c Mr Weeks is quite sick to day been vomiting a good deal i have got my cloths quite clean & white considering how clinged they were about 2 P.M. the boat came off from the shore and the remainder of the company took there turn my self with the rest to visit the city of St Catharines had a pleasant time saw a good many new things went into a good many stores and shops but it was but little that i could talk with them Capt Choute and Mr Tuck could talk Portugee very well they appear very civil & polite saw no disorderly persons while ashore except what i saw among the Yankees i believe they are the neediest people to be found any where the place looked very clean and wholesome saw some ladies that looked passable one quite pretty there are no whorves in this place i suppose the reason of it is they would not stand before the fresh southerly winds or Pomperos that blows often in this country there is many soldiers on this place to take care of the inhabitants and save them from the abuses of people of other countries and especially Americans a few month ago there was a riot and some lives lost it was by means of drunken Yankees

Sunday Febr. 24th - 1850

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Commences with fresh southerly winds & cloudy the boat went on shore early this morning after the Capt & Pilot the did not come on board after breakfast myself with three others went after them walked about the place stores & shops all open the churches were also open the people going in all directions this although the sabbath is there regular market day the canoes coming from all parts of the country with Mett of different kinds and fruit & vegetables saw a very remarkable fat pig how fat i will not pretend to say but the fattest that i ever saw saw a Brazil Blackcock affixed some from a garden corn i met with a man from from St Johns New Brunswick had a pleasant talk with him he told me he had just left a brig in which he had been 10 months on a whaling cruise without taking one whale about 12 came on board with the Capt & pilot got under way and came down to the anchorage place where were before in company with a genoise brig this is rather a long tailed Pomperos the pilot say we had better keep where we are till the wind gets N.E. this Pilot Johnston is a Native of Harpswell Maine he tells me he has been here 19 years married a native of the country & got a family i think he must be easily taken up poor fellow he has got what he calls a fever some on one of his ankles i should think he was about done to there is several vessels all ready to sail for California within the people have gone ashore the most of them & i feel lonesome a Millra in the country currency of this country is 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents a pint 20 cents

Monday Feb^r 25 - 1850

Southerly weather to day & thick lowering &c
this morning had trouble i felt home sick enough
i will forbear mentioning what took place but it
was disagreeable to my own feeling i thank for one
harm there was but few dry eyes onboard this
morn after brake fast the boat went on shore with
most of the people stayed till about noon when she
came back got under way & run down the bay &
went to sea found the wind unfavorable to get
clear of the land & a very bad sea here about &
run back to an anchorage under an island it rained
hard the most of the night the weather has got to
be very rainy & disagreeable in this place i long
to get clear of it as much as any place i ever saw
my cold & cough holds on as yet i feel rather
disagreeable about it every one seems to want to
do all they can to help me Capt Choate thinks if
i would dispence with the pipe for a while the
cough would of itself subside as my lungs are
affected they will not heal up while under the
use of tobacco smoke i shall try the experiment
i hope what took place yesterday will work for
good at the last though i shall not call names
or mention circumstances may the good Lord help
us on our way to our place of destination in safety
& peace time is passing swiftly a long we might have been
perhaps nearly to the straits if we had not stopped here

Tuesday Feb^r 26 - 1850

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Thick nasty weather first part of these 24 hours with
the wind from S & some sprinkles of fine rain the people
on deck enjoying themselves as well as they can i hope it
will prove to be a more agreeable day than we had yesterday
there is a ship laying at anchor not far from us & also a
Brig this has been the most rainy disagreeable day that
i have seen since i have been here but all hand are in good
spirits and good natured which is better than all the rest

Wednesday February 27 - 1850

This day commences with pleasant weather clear
sky & wind from the N & a gentle breeze at 6
o'clock got under way & stood out to sea leaving the
Island of St Catharines behind us which i hope never
to see again provided i can keep my eye sight not that
any hurt came to me while there for every body
used me with the greatest civility natives & all
i cant bear the looks of the place any longer Dr
Mellus is not very well to day nor has been for some
days past has a clogged feeling to his stomach all hands
beside appear to be well this fore noon Mr Gutch
went to work & made orange punch to go through
the company had a very sociable time on a grand
punch this day is beautiful after a long time of
black rainy & generally blowing nasty spell thank to
good Lord that we are clear of the place

Thursday Febr. 28 - 1850

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Commences with fine pleasant weather and gentle Gale from the Northward heavy Ground swell from the N.E. & I have commenced this day at Mercantile to begin a sea Journal at 12 saw a ship standing to the North close on the wind we are running the Land down fast Middle & latter part very calm & moderate the vessel unmanagable a heavy roiling sea sharp lightning at N.E. and West some indications of a fair wind before long latter part moderate trades with a hot sun & clear sky this forenoon got up the new fore sail & jib & bent them the crew in good order having escaped the destruction that has attended almost every thing else onboard this vessel here is cloths of every kind & that of good quality fit for nothing but to throw overboard between provisions & clothing there must be a grate box thus far to say nothing for time to come Capt Mellus says he feels better to day than he has for some time past for my self i feel about as well as i have for a week or so last night applied a severe blister to my left arm for the canker in my throat in pulling & hauling it got shifted from place till i have got pretty decently blistered but never mind that if it only carries away the canker from my throat if it reaches from my shoulder to my finger ends saw a very large shoal of fish this fore noon cant tell what they want at 10 A.M. ran down the Island of Surinam all out of sight i hope i shall never see it more it looks tradeish this afternoon may the lord send us a good time

Friday March 1st - 1850

75

This day commences with fine weather & gentle breezes from N.E. an old sea running hat sun this afternoon opened the medicine chest & got out a Bottle of Friars Balsam to see if it would help my cough i hope it will unde Hall has had a very lively day of it at 4 P.M. spoke the Ship Chalcedony 56 days from Boston Bound to California she appeared to wish to avoid us after running down to speak Middle part sharp lightning thick weather & moderate breezes from N.E. Steering South half East i feel tolerable well & i am resolved to try to keep my self dry till i get over this cough & cold latter part fresh breezes from North with a smooth sea carrying whole sail to the the best advantage at 9 A.M. took a strong breeze from S.W. took in the lee sails & reefed the main sail very clear weather to day but cooler air the sea growing somewhat rough seen no sail of any kind i have got a pretty good blister on an my arm to day i think the rest of the Gentlemen may sign their names to the ropes for all i shall do till the Blister heals up My Old Friend Hall is taking a very essential nap i hope it will do him good i feel incouraged about the cough i have had so long i think it subsides some time i began to take Friars Balsam Daniel Mellus thinks he is much better to day
Lat Obs 23 47 Long by Cross time 47-5

Saturday March 2 - 1850

Commences to stay with strong S.W. wind and very pleasant weather and rough sea heaving along S.E. I hope this will not turn out to be a scamper at 4 P.M. reefed the fore sail the wind freshens the sea grows rougher at sun set it moderates took a nap this afternoon the wind blowing on me when I awoke found that I had a very sore throat again through the night very pleasant with a splended Moon the moon shows all the features of a mans face perfectly in these clippings I have noticed for some nights the stars are remarkable thick this morning there was a sperm whale alongside the first that the most of this company ever saw my throat feels much better this fore noon than it was last night Capt. Muller says that he does not feel so well as he did yesterday Mr Williams who was quite unwell last evening is better - he is a very slender man I think too much so to take this voyage to California he is a man of a good property and a very clever well behaved person this fore noon Joseph Muller Mr Berry & myself got the square sail aft on the hanc and cut 5 feet off the foot of it it being too deep they may just rope it on again if they please as I dont feel able to help them we are going our course the fore noon 30.68

Lat Obs 30.58 Longitude by cert. time 46-45

Sunday March 3 - 1850

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Fine to day clear sky smooth sea a westerly wind the sea is running S.W. 1/2 W this is a beautiful day we are heading our course but the last 24 hours we did not do much there must be a strong current against us at 1 P.M. saw a sail astern the vessel I think be title to what she was on our passage to St Catharines our cargo is disposed in such a manner as to trim the vessel by the stern which makes her pitch easy & sail better than she did before - the better part of these 24 hours very calm last evening my throat was very sore this morning it better Capt. D. Muller tells me he feels worse than he has yet this is Sunday there was a great controversy this morning amongst the company on Popery in the United States there is some strong advocates amongst them for Catholics as strange as it may appear all hands are seated about the decks with their Bibles & Hymn Books some reading & others expounding the word of life Mr Williams is the most attentive to his Bible of any man on board I think he is a pious man he is a free will Baptist I hope the wind will blow up at N.E. & give us a shore along towards the straits of Magellan I feel some afraid that my health is very much impaired by reason of this voyage I have exposed my self when I should not have done so when no one wanted me to do so this is a beautiful fore noon but no wind the sun pouring down hot on our our devoted heads

Lat by obs 31.25 Longitude by cert. time 46-52

Monday March 4 - 1850

Spent the day with an Easterly wind & lite had beef
and plumbe Duff for dinner set the square sail & for Top
sail saw five sperm whales this afternoon this afternoon is
the latter part of sabbath day Capt Croat seems to want
to do more on the Lords day than any other day in the
week he has just been bothering all hands in the cabin for
a gimlet to bore a hole in his slate if it had been a week day
i suppose he would not have thought of any such thing
my throat has begun since the turn of the day to feel sore
again i have spent the day thus far in reading the
Bible singing & playing on the Accordion the people have
behaved them selves very civilly to day considering they are
at sea as far Mr Williams has set in the cabin cloon in ^{ing} quarters
of 16 weeks to get the latitude & Longitude for to day
to make an entry in his Journal i hope my throat will
not feel as bad as it did last night it appears some times as if
it was cankered all through my bowels the sun is going one
way and we are going the other as fast as we can we are
in South latitude 31 and half to day and the sun is ~~into~~
only 7 degrees from the Equator saw a very handsome flock
of sea fowl in the water all huddled together they
looked well through the night fine breeze had a very
sore throat latter part fresh gale a Cape Hen
flew against the rigging & struck her self and fell on
deck D Mellus about the same as he was yesterday
Mr Barry has begun to make a gun carriage
Lat Obs 33-4 (Longt by Chron time 47-52

Tuesday March 5 - 1850

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Begins with fresh breezes from N.E. & cloudy again it looks
like a head wind rain at 4 P.M. fine again the people
some of them are about the galley stealing the cooks cakes
others are lying about over the top of the house disputing
about this that & the other thing we are past the Latt
of the Rio Grande at 3 P.M. saw three sperm whales
sperm whales are white with square heads at 12 Mid
night Squally the wind hauled to the S.E. freshened ripsed
the sails fore & aft some heavy dashes of rain & rough
sea at 4 A.M. turned out the double reef in the fore
sail & one reef out of the main sail at 9 the wind hauled
more southerly & blew fresh again ripsed the fore sail
again i feel pretty well as to my throat this fore noon
my cough i think is growing better gradually i have
have not been wet & exposed for the last 9 or 10 days &
i dont mean to be for as long a time to come without
i get clear of this cold if i had taken the same course
two months ago it would have been better for me the
people are in good shirts & all good natured & peaceful
and in good health excepting Daniel Mellus who appears
quite miserable he says he feels something like a stone
getting in his side but i hope he will soon get better
St Catherine almost wound him & i both up i cant think
of the place with any pleasure it seemed as if all the bad
weather on the whole coast for a thousand miles centered
there saw a brig to leeward & a bark to windward going N.E.
Lat Obs 34-6 (Longt by Chron time 48-50

Wednesday March 6-1850

Commences pleasant at 10 tacked to the S at 2 P.M.
squally under short sail with a rough sea Capt
Tolbot & I while standing against the forward part
of the house praising her for a good sea boat ship
sea & drenched us pretty thoroughly for our good opinion
of her at 3 P.M. a ship passed us bound to the Northward
at 8 P.M. all hands were called to shorten sail & reef
the Mainsail fore sail & jib heavy squally weather
sea making fast throat sore at 10 in the evening while
it was my watch on deck my throat began to feel sore
I told that the watch I would go below and get out of
the night air at 11 P.M. it moderated & the
wind hauled to the Eastward at 6 o'clock A.M. made
all sail again & stood on our course which is S.W. by S.
all the latter part of these 24 hours the wind has been
very light with a heavy old swell from S.S.E. by observation
at Meridian found we had made only 3 miles South
thing for the last 24 hours this is slow getting towards
Cape Horn saw an albatross this forenoon Daniel
Mellus has been trying to catch him but failed Mr.
Hall has set up the rigging today I hope it will not
haul the chain bolts out of her sides the rigging of a polack
should not be so taught I feel pretty well all to my
head Mellus a good deal better I have not looked
in a glass to see my own face before today since I left
Damariscotta I think I have flushed up after all
Lat 35° 34' - 9 Longt by Chronometer time 48-21

Thursday March 7-1850

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Commences with an old swell clear sky & hot sun
and not wind enough the most of the time to till when it
is Mr. Williams & Gullerton have been tinkering up the
cooking utensil which have got badly out of order
Josef Mellus & Mr. Berry are making a gun carriage Mr.
Welks is mending up a pair of old pumps Joseph Hitchcock is
making a last Daniel Mellus & some others are working
Chronometer time at 4 P.M. a good breeze sprung up
from the Northward through the night moderate breeze
N.W. & cloudy weather set the fore topsail at 6 A.M.
At 9 took it in again I think that sail had better be
dispensed with in these latitudes as some one has to go
aloft to bend the sheets every time it is set & every time
it is taken in there must be a man aloft to untie them
again & steady the yard down it is the worst & most
dangerous sail that I ever had any thing to do with
not much doing this forenoon the weather black &
squally Mr. Williams & Henry Hitchcock are reading
their Bibles they are rather the most exemplary men
we have onboard in that respect I hope it will do
them good as it does the upright in heart as for myself
I feel comfortable to day have not coughed but
little Daniel Mellus says he is decidedly better
the weather is getting comfortably cool & at this time
we are going fast toward that notable place called
the Horn success may she have a good run
Lat 35° 45' Longt by Chronat time 49-28

Friday March 8-1850

Strong Gale to day from the north at 13 P. M. Squally with some rain carrying a single reefed main sail fore sail & square sail at 8 hauled the square sail heavy breeze & squally with much lashing at 5 A. M. the wind then S.W. The winds here got to be very shifty & blow at 8 put a single reef in the fore sail the sea increasing we have a very good day run the last 24 hours making one hundred & three miles of latitude in 18 hours we are rising up those two small black clouds & the two white ones that I mentioned about a month ago in the South & Eastward for the most of the time the sky is obscure & the wind blowing from the southward makes a very rough sea as the current here runs to the Northward I have not got entirely rid of my cold yet last night I was on deck from 8 till 12 and got very much stuffed & set me to coughing Daniel Miller is about the same as he has been for some time the hatches have not been off much lately only to get wood & water the hoops on the pork & beef barrels have got to be very brittle I think they will do well if they last to California we are now in latitude of Cape Blanco but when we shall get the Straits of Magellan at this rate of getting along we cannot say for every time the wind shifts the Southward it blows a gale & we have as much as we can to hold on whereunto we have attained without gaining any thing Capt Talbot & much Hall have gone to noon

Lat Obs 37-33 / Longt by Chron time 51-18

Saturday March 9-1850

To day begins with heavy gales from S.W. & a rough sea at 1 o'clock P. M. double reefed the main sail & hauled the jib middle jib I hope it will soon get it blow out & give us a good fair wind again for I feel anxious to get down to the Straits the coast for some days seems to be very clear of vessels all hands employed in trying to catch an Albatross but don't seem to succeed the whale is alive this afternoon with cape Hens & carry chickens the sun set clear & it looks like a westerly wind at 12 the wind shifted to the westward heaved up South at 4 A. M. the wind shifted to the westward blowing very heavy reefed down & carried sail to get to the Southward the sky very clear

Lat Obs 38 51 / Longt by Chron time

Sunday March 10-1850

Begins with heavy Gales from W. N. W. at 11^{am} we have too under a close reefed fore sail with a very bad sea layed well headed up I took a dinner off the floor through the night very rough sea the wind hauled to the Southward better part calm weather with a bad swell this is Sunday all hands reeling or lay in about in different parts of the vessel I feel pretty well to day

Lat Obs 39 27 / Longt by Chron time 51-8

Monday March 11 - 1850

To day commences with a very little wind from the south
 We are heading West by South and a very bad old sea
 running i dont much admire being in these clippings the
 wind is too shifting & blowy we have been 12 days getting
 about half way from St Catharines to the Straits of May
 Ellen the weather is getting quite cool & otherwise disag-
 able i hear several of the company barking as well as
 my self last night while the Demariscum was rolling
 and acting herself the worst kind she upset my bottle of ink
 & besmeared my book yesterday was a hard day for
 the poor little craft the people in the lower cabin are
 singing and trying to enjoy themselves as well as they can

Latter part heavy gales from S W at 2 A M
 hauled down the mainsail & jib & have two
 under a ballance reefed main sail with a heavy
 sea the weather uncomfortable the Pompeys
 are dreaming last night i dreamed of being
 at home or somewhere than about & saw Charley
 Sears & Emeline living in some old detestable looking
 house without any floor in it or much of any thing
 else woke up & found the vessel laying to in a gale
 of wind i dont like to dream of home its no good one
 night some some time ago i dreamed i had got as
 far as towards home ~~was~~ Capt Kerpels there i
 lost my hat & jacket while Nancy was looking for them
 i got back where i was when i went to sleep

Lat 06 39 44 No Longitude to day

Tuesday March 12 - 1850

This day begins with tremendous Gales from
 S S E & a very dangerous sea laying too under
 a three reefed fore sail the sea running so high
 that it was not safe to cook much in the Gally
 the vessel though one of the best of sea boats we
 thought might be in danger of getting tripped so
 we made a drag by lashing a plank & spar together
 with the big gun to hang underneath with about
 3 fathom of rope to keep it from jumping out of
 water Mclellan sent heavy squalls one after another
 in quick succession at Midnight it begun to
 moderate some at 8 A M quite moderate but
 too rough to make sail like to have lost our fore
 topmast the cap having worked loose & got off the
 mast head before it was discovered it was a bad
 job to get it on again Daniel Mellus lost the
 use of one of his hands & came nigh falling from
 aloft this has on the whole been a tremendous
 day who would not sell a farm & go to California
 who would not leave a wife family & friends & home
 to encounter the storms and gales of the North &
 South Atlantic Ocean But here sits my neighbor
 Choate reading & as happy as if he were in a hotel
 poor old fellow i am glad he can enjoy himself
 the drag was not used it is ready if should be
 wanted again

Lat 06 39 47 Long by Cr line 50 29

Wednesday March 13-1850

Begins pleasant to day with S.W. winds & rough sea at Meucion made sail to the southward at 4 P.M. it began to smir up again with fresh breezes from S.W. reefed down to the last ring & pint & carried sail as long as we could with precision at 11 P.M. heavy gales all hands called to take in sail & have too under a close reefed for sail at 10 A.M. made sail again under close reefs stood to the southward on the wind with a bad sea. Mr Joseph Hitchcock that wished me to take down Charles & wife & hang up Margaret in there place as the weather is pleasant always, when he is present the weather for one week has been tremendous one gale after another as fast as they can come the sea in there vicinity is very bad they naturally run from South and let it blow ever so severe a gale from any other point of the compass no sooner does it abate than the sea begins to roll again from South this little ship is first rate lays very dry although she lays broad & ships the most that comes over her rail aft the house she has within two days jumped the ~~the~~ trucks off both topmasts the last one went within half mile of my head Joseph Mellers & Wm Feniston are both unwell to day dreamed last night that i was at Pick B Glickens things looked unnatural all hand of the Company were with me with there guns & pistols i cant remember of seeing any body that i knew

excepting My Lady Marins Spraul who appeared & Berry Slipant i told the people that i left the little Damariscove in about 40 South Battucles & that i should return to her on the morrow

Lat 40 28 / Longt 50 48
Thursday March 14-1850

Commences to day with fine air and a roll of sea shook out the most of the reefs it looks now the best natured that i have seen it for a good while but how long it will last the Lord only knows all hands instead of being dead hearted appear to be alive & in good spirits at 6 P.M. the wind hauled to the Northward Steered N.S.W. with a moderate breeze through the night very pleasant with a tolerable smooth sea latter part of the 24 hours fresh N.W. winds Bullard reefed the mainsail & hauled the middle jib the sea very rough again and it is little use to expect any thing else but gales of wind & a mountain of sea here in this latitude i begin to feel quite resigned to it already & one reason is i suppose that i cant help myself i feel quite well & i think that if i take good care of myself as i should my cough will soon be done i have not allowed myself to get wet since i left St. Catharines & nobody wants me they have offered to stand my watch for me but i choose to stand my own watch when i can without getting wet Mr Feniston says that he feels no better but rather worse than he did yesterday Lat by Obs 41 58 / Longt by Chron time

Friday March 15 - 1850

The day commences with pleasant weather & clear sky & a fresh gale from NW carrying a three rised M. Sail two rised fore sail heading S W by West with a heavy sea abeam saw a large turtle & sun fish and an Albatross large flocks of sea hens a booby some drift rock weed besides a wake full of Mother carry chickens i wish them little rascals would clear out of that for there has been nothing but gales of wind since they have been there which has been about a week My old friend Choate seems to be very disagreeably disposed to day he can hardly give any one a civil answer but the poor old fellow has got a bad cold i know how to pity him in the evening turned out the ripes & took them in again saw a berry hen & a sunset plenty of chain lightning had a treat on wine of the first quality all hands by Capt Mellus & Wm Peniston it went well Michel's part very moderate the sea quite smooth heading about South we have got too far to the eastward and i dont know how we shall get in with the coast again without a different course of winds than we have at present latter part very moderate the wind westerly we have sent down the topmasts to day & stowed them away broke up thatches & got out wood and water opened a barrel of pickled cucumbers & done a grate deal of other buisness this has been a very pleasant 24 hours all through thank the good Lord
Lat 43° 43' 6" Longt by Chron time 52-4

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Saturday March 16 - 1850

Begins with very pleasant weather & little winds from the westward & smooth sea the little craft looks as if she was going in to ordinary since we have sent down her top hamper perhaps we may get near enough to some vessel to speak with them as we have not spoke with but one since we left Damariscotta it has been rough weather so long that all hands seem to want to scrape their countenances together uncle Hall has got a crew of fellows on deck setting up the square sail stay & clearing up decks this has been a hard chance to get toward the Cape but i hope we shall be favored with a better one soon at 6 P M the wind sprung up fresh at NW had a good breeze all night with fine clear weather but quite cool fine morning with a fresh gale going at the rate of 6 or 4 knots been playing on the Acordion this morning got Capt Choate mad as a March hare said he could not figure up the ships longitude and away he went on deck in a very bad mood poor old soul i wish i had a glass of Eucelent for him we have meet with so many Pomperos & Gales from NW that we have been clear very wide from the coast we have been running for the land about 30 hours saw Cape fly away all this fore noon but it has got pretty well out of sight this has been a very fine day with an uncommon smooth sea i am pretty well to day & so is all hands aboard
Lat by Obs 43-50 Longt by Chron time 54-6

Sunday March 14 - 1850

Begins with fine pleasant weather to day clear sky
and smooth sea all hands employed working Chronometer
time writing up journals mending up old cloths or reaching
or something of less importance for my own part i have done
but little of any thing beside eating my meals & standing
an hour at the wheel as for Harry Hitchcock who sits
at my right elbow he has been so remiss & neglected his
journal so long that i dont know whether he will get
throug to day or not i dont see how a person can remem^{ber}
the past events of a whole week or fortnight without being
beholden to some other journal for his information she
jumps rather too much for me to write any more now
at 8 P M. the breeze freshened into a Gale commenced rai-
ing till she was under snug sail heavy sea going and the
vessel laboring hard & leaking considerably we have so
little chance to get along that we carry sail longer than
we should at Mid night it moderated & the sea fell
latter part moderate & calm the sun has dried the
decks as dry as the cabin floor this is Sunday fore
noon some a sleep some reading some disputing on
gods decrees amongst whom Mr Williams & Mr.
Ball figure the largest this morning at 4 A. M.
when my watch was called it was so cold that i soon
clodged below again the night air is too much for my
lungs i mean to take care of my self as long as i can & try to
heat up my lungs we are getting into disagreeable weather

Leatt Obs 44.36 / Longt by Crant time 56. 57

Monday March 18 - 1850

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Begins with calm warm & pleasant weather the Schooner rolling
in the trough of the sea passed a barrel of something did not
take the boat out to sea what it was it mit have been a
scotch prize we have seen neither vessel land or strand for
a long time we have been so far to the eastward that we have
got out of track of every thing it is calm now but i hope
the good Lord will send us a favorable breeze when it comes
set the squair sail steering a S W course caught a kelp
from the coast of Patagonia a great curiosity it was the
handsomest weed that i ever saw this evening the sun
set in the greatest splendor with a serene sky at
9 A M shot down thick fog the wind hauled to the west-
ward took in the square sail at Mid night cleared
again latter part a rolling old sea heading up S W
going as fast as a house can crawl on a tared stick the air
feels very cold here this morning it makes me think of
how i have been this fore noon engaged at darning up my
mitts & stockings as for my old complaint the cold & cough
i feel comfortable all most well i wish the wind would
just haul N W & i think i should feel better still here
sits Harry Hitchcock writing up his journal i believe
he has been at it all this fore noon as for uncle Hoall he
has been below hinting to me as much as to say than aught
to be some Oaturn picked he is at it himself & when i
get ready perhaps i will lend him a hand a sail in
sight they say on deck give me the spy glass

Leatt Obs 48.25 / Longt by Crant time 48 - 8

Tuesday March 19 - 1850

Commences with fine pleasant weather to day & light winds from the westward a heavy old swell from the south saw a sperm whale Berry & Lyman Chapman are at work on the gun carriage this afternoon the two Melleses are exercising their rifles in trying to shoot some Albatrosses that are flying about the vessel but they have not succeeded as yet it is not very easy to shoot a bird in a heavy rolling sea although these birds are the largest i have ever seen it is three months to day since we left Damariscotta & out of that time we have spent 11 days in St. Catharines i thought before we sailed that we should have rounded the horn in less time than this but here we are in Lat 45-25 or about 4 degrees from the straits of Magellan the winds must either blow a pompers or there is the next thing to none at all and a heavy sea to roll out what little there is in the sails if i could be at home for a little while long enough to see my wife & Children & to know how they were getting along it would be gratifying but i should want still to be back again when i had made up the visit but nonsense such a thing cannot be & i may as well make myself happy as possible as to indulge in these vain thoughts of kind providence soon we shall arrive in due time at our port of destination and see the astonishing Gold diggings of California and be where we can look up in the evening and see the Old North star & perhaps meet with kindred spirits from the shores of our own state

as i have begun to write what is running in my head #3 will write still more how glad i should be to just step in and see my good old neighbors such as aunt Margaret & Eldred Sprout & Caroline M^{rs} Maguire & the Children Others there are that i suppose i should pass by even if i had the opportunity to call but i would be at peace with all men neither would i have a straw in the way of my worst enemy if such i have i think about how the hay looks in the barn about this time i suppose the cows have begun to calve & the sheep to lamb i hope Miller is attending to his business like a good fellow & waiting upon his mother as all dutiful children do there is Charles Sears & Emeline should i not like to see them & Margaret too since her picture has been hung up in the cabin i think we have got along pretty well & now by way of explanation i will say that some people i suppose that would think this a strange mess of stuff for a man to enter into a sea journal so many thousand miles from home but it is just as i feel & i may as well set down & give it vent at the point of this steel pen as to be for ever thinking it over speaking may relieve you so may writing all hands are alive and in good spirits What a clever set of boys there is here how pleasant & good natured they are there is Harry Hitchcock & Joseph Hitchcock Daniel Robinson & Lyman Chapman i don know which is the best but this i can say that i never saw any better boys in my life than they all four are Harry laughs & grows fat he has a hard time to catch the little ship

0 Middle part heavy gales at midnight all
hands called to take in sail this child layd still for the
first time when all hands were called there is men enough to
take in sail without one in the night it stuffs my lungs
to dream in the night so i shall try to take care of number
one when i can i will remark here that there is one
man amongst the company that has made himself
Obnoxious on account of his tongue which is almost as
good as a perpetual motion he is trying to incite a few
against me i believe the most of the discords that
have taken place on board have emanated from this ill
minded fellow i shall not name him here but just say
that he is a fat man & his office is about half way
between the stern & stern post i have called occasionally
to hit my pipe but i have a plenty of matches & i think i
shall not trouble him much more at present i shall
not implicate only this one man for i don't think
a better set of men could be collected together than
this company is composed of Latter part of these 24
hours pleasant weather with moderate gales from
N.W. we are running for Cape Blanco which we want
to make if the winds permit i hope Harry will get
along as far as the Cape de Verdes by the time we get down
to the horn here he sets to being part of the time & part
of the time Chasing the Damaris cone with his pen &
a borrowed journal he had better have commenced
it in Damaris cotta river where i did
Lat Obs 46-3 Longt by Chron time 49-57

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Wednesday March 20-1850
Commenced to day with pleasant weather & moderate breeze
from N.W. smooth sea rather cool air heeling along
So this afternoon broke open the fore hatch & got up
a cask of water Mr. Perry & Lyman Chapman have
been working on the gun carriage it seems to be a good
deal of a job at 4 P.M. the breeze freshened the sea
making with it we have been for some time looking
for land in vain sounder at 5 P.M. no bottom at 6
P.M. Ripped the main sail hauled the outer jib
this afternoon there has been a general mustering up
of guns rifles & pistols cleaning them up & oiling them
up firing at marks &c as far myself i have not got
any thing left to fight my way with now as Mr. Perry
has used up the stick of timber that i had an deck with
a four inch hole bored through it to make the gun carriage
with i don't know what i shall do now without i hoist out
the barbed pump which has not been used during the
passage rounded two at 6. Night sounder got bottom
blowing fresh through the night latter part moderate
westerly breezes from 8 to Meridian with smooth sea
this ship when carrying taught sail leaks rather too
bad it is a matter of speculation amongst hands as to the
cause some thinks it a private leak & some thinks it a
strain in the upper works it is cold this day i want my
thick jacket & under flannel on to save me from the
chilling blasts of these southern regions i feel well to day
Lat by Obs Longt by Chron time

Thursday March 21 - 1850

Commences with fine pleasant weather & light winds from S.W. at 6 P.M. it began to look wild the sun will cross the equator at one o'clock in the morning at 8 it rained with a small breeze from N.E. the wind suddenly changed to South and baffling through the night at 8 A.M. we reefed down close and hove too under a close reefed foresail with the wind South & the barbed tacks on board this is the seventh time we have hove too since we left home heavy gales all through the day with a tremendous sea running the vessel laying very safe I have been turned in a good part of the day to try and bottle up some sleep against my 8 o'clock watch to night but all in vain all hands collected in the cabin and there noise & confusion completely drowned the howling of the tempest on deck we have got so enured to blows & gales of wind that we don't mind them much more than we do pleasant weather it is cold & uncomfortable to stay on deck and all hands take to their bunks or to the cabins if we had kept in with the coast as we should have done we might have now been in the straits of Magellan if not through them but we have been deceived in our man that professed to know that which he knows nothing about he has many a shot fired at him a cross the table at meal time that I should not relish quite so well myself but poor old fellow I pity him after all and feel for him.

Latitude 44° 33' Longt by Chronometer 62-49

Friday March 22 - 1850

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This day commenced with violent gales from South & a tremendous sea the ship laying too with barbed tacks on board going over the sea like a gull I have never seen a sea brake over her rail yet & I have seen some large ones on this passage the sea is flying a cross the horizon with a swiftness that can only be conceived by him that beholds it while the blue waves are curling ^{white} their tops in every direction threatening to engulf every moment on our devoted heads but there is a being who controls the raging waves & holds the winds in His fist no blast of wind will ever split a sail belonging to this little bark neither will any furious wave cross her deck without his permission how important it is then that Mariners should know & put their trust in that Omnipotent being it is useless for any one to tell me of men being cured of sea sickness by being long at sea I think it is constitution with some men to be sick in a bad sea all them lives here is a number so sick to day that they have eat no dinner to day Capt Talbot has complained to me twice to day of feeling very sick at sunset the gale abated at midnight wore ship & made sail to the southward with the wind N.W. the sea falling fast latter part moderate Overcast weather going 6 or 7 knots through the water towards the straits of Magellan

Latitude 44° 38' Longt by Chronometer 66-50

Saturday March 23-1850

This day begins with fine pleasant weather & light
easterly breezes from W.N.W. with a smooth sea Joseph
Hitchcock & Filderton have been slushing down the masts
this afternoon Charles Berry & Lyman Chapman are
at work on the gun carriage i hope they will get
it finished some time before the Patagonians catch us
Daniel Mullis is running up Rifle balls and Old
Go has been trying to shoot an Albatross i think he had
better give it up last night my throat was badly
cankered up through being exposed to the weather
My watch mates told me to go below & get out of the
raw wind i took their advice the Equinoctial gale
i suppose is past i hope the good Lord will favor us
with a good wind to the straits saw the land this after-
noon if it was not Cape fly away it is Mount Desires
i suppose according to the Chart Middle part very
moderate & smooth sailed at Midnight & got
bottom in 40 fathoms there was a cry of land so i
went on deck saw something that looked like it
but dont know whether it was or not could see nothing
of it in the morning latter part fresh gales from
W.N.W. roused the Main & fore sails over cast weather
this forenoon and a heavy sea & the appearance of a
strong current setting to windward saw a new spe-
cies of birds in grate abundance dreamed of seeing any
father thought i had lost my white hat &c
Lat 49-28 | Longt by Cront time 65-54

Sunday March 24-1850

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Begins with fresh gales from the westward and rough
sea heading our course for the straits of Magellan the
gentlemen Stewards are preparing to make pie Berry &
Joseph Hitchcock are running up a lot of bullets & preparing
for war i hope the poor Patagonians will keep away from us
at 9 P. M. took a rally too that tore our main sail berry bad
as many hands as could get round it turned too & repaired it
at 8 P. M. it looked wild put her under snug sail bad sea
thick weather & some lightning Middle part more moderate
turned out some of the riffs cold & uncomfortable standing
a night watch latter part fine breezes from W.N.W. &
very cold & overcast this is a cloudy latitude and a
place where a gale of wind can be manufactured in
short order i hope if it is the will of providence that
i shall get once delivered from these clings & well
into the Pacific heading up N.W. & chasing up that
good old sun which now looks too far to the north
for my use but even here there is mercy we have
the comforts of life we can eat when we are hungry drink
when we are dry & when we are sleepy we can turn in
this is the lords day the people have been remarkable
civil & regular the choir are now in the lower cabin
singing How long dear Saviour & how long shall this
bright hour delay they sing it well this has been
a very moderate day and a smooth sea a pleasant
day is worth something in this country
Lat by D.R. 50-41 | Longt by D.R. 66-47

Monday March 25 - 1850

Commences today with lite westerly breezes and a smooth sea we are running now for Cape Virgin the North Cape at the entrance of the straits of Magellan I believe I may now say that I am well of my cold & cough which has been hanging on my lungs for ninety days & Ever I should feel thankful for it I am almost tired of these Pomperos & Willy was I hope by tomorrow or next day to arrive in the strait where we want to wood & water & take a fresh start up the Pacific Ocean for the land of gold & diamonds Middle part fine with fresh breezes from N.W. at 8 A.M. made the land supposed it to be Cape Virgin hauled up round it got in to shoal water had a good deal of anxiety before we got clear stood off till noon to see what our latitude might be before we ran to leeward found by Observation that it was Cape Fair weather kept away for Cape Virgin again with a fair wind which is 45 miles South East of us while we were in difficulty to day under Cape Fair weather saw a the wreck of a large vessel on shore and a tent made of sails but saw no people what has become of the crew it is hard to conjecture perhaps they have fallen in to the hands of the savages perhaps they died with hunger we were glad to get out of the place as soon as possible for we were in danger of losing the vessel or we should have gone too far

Lat Obs 51-46 Longt no matter about to day

Tuesday March 26 - 1850

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Fine we are running for Cape Virgin with a fair wind and pleasant weather when I hope to get by dark to night saw great numbers of ducks the people shot a good many of them but of course could not get them as they fell in the water and we had no boat down to pick them up with they put me in mind of Silkirks beasts that were unacquainted with man for they would almost come on board the vessel they looked fat at 4 P.M. the wind died away and left us about 15 miles N.W. of Cape Virgin at 9 P.M. the wind sprang up in squalls from S.W. with some rain tacked & stood to the N.W. again to keep the shore on board at 2 A.M. tacked again to the southward blowing heavy at 7 A.M. anchored under weather Cape Virgin about one mile from the shore it has been a severe gale all the latter part of these 24 hours knowing nothing about the floor of the tide we anchored too near the shore before low water we were among large rocks & spent a most disagreeable jam noon but providentially we did not strike any of them the banks on the shores of this coast are about 300 feet high and all of clay the ground covered with grass the land looks handsome having the appearance of a level surface it is cold weather today & the people have a good many crants to the gally Joseph Hitchcock shot a seal or wounded him badly but did not get him of course it was blowing hard

Wednesday March 27 - 1850

Commenced with heavy gales from S.W. & flying clouds. Middle part heavy gale & thick weather very cold enough to do to keep oneself warm great many Willy wags flying about latter part tremendous bursts of wind blowing off Cape Virgin we are still hung to a rock by our anchor all hands in great suspense about the consequence of losing anchor in a country like this would be very great beside we have nothing on one side but the open sea and a lee shore on the other & exposed to a shift of wind at any time I could heartily wish myself out of these cliftings here is porpoises seal ducks albatrosses penguins and numerous other birds all around us in the greatest abundance the men have shot several but no way to get them in a gale we have not seen I believe but two vessels since we left St Catharines we have had what I should call a rough passage we have layed to 4 times some days riced and tacked out riced three times but I will give credit for some pleasant days & one good thing I have never seen a sudden change in the wind from blowing heavy at one point of the compass to blow again at another without a good space between so that if there is any damage done there is a fair chance to repair it but give me the North Atlantic Ocean before the south this is a lonely place indeed it was well for us ^{other day} we found out our mistake as soon as we did when we were running up the Gallegos river

Thursday March 28 - 1850

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Begins with tremendous gales from S.W. it looks worse this morning no signs of the gale abating at present it looks almost terrific to see these willy wags take the water up one chasing another in all directions at 6 P.M. the gale to our great joy abated got our anchor without its being injured in the least dropped off in 14 fathoms water & anchored to await a chance to enter the straits the wind W.N.W. & lite it is now half past 11 o'clock at night and as my fire is very poor & I somewhat sleepy I will just thank the good lord for his kind care over me through the day and see if I can't forget myself for a little while in my bunk at 4 A.M. got under way with a leading breeze from N.W. we stood S.S.E. for the outer part of a bank that extends off 5 miles from the Cape & then hauled too S.W. by W. for a long low point called Dungeness but as long as the tide lasted & anchored about 8 miles below Cape Posesion between the Patagonian shore & Teledel fuego there is but little wind any where now the Boat with nine men have gone on shore on a gunning excursion I think they may wish them selves back before they get there as it is a very long distance and I am decidedly beside a strong tide to contend with and the danger of the wind springing up I think I shall wait for a chance some other day when we get farther up the straits I have seen no Patagonians yet or any other human being

This is as near as I
 can come at it for
 I could not
 measure the
 North Sea of
 the Island

What would I not give to wander
 To have my wife and children dwell?
 Absence makes the heart grow warmer
 Dismal Island fare the well

Shades of evening close not on us
 Leave our lonely bark awhile

Morn'g alow will not restore us
 Yonder dim & distant Isle

Juan. Fernandez Island
 S Lat 33-45 Longt 75-53 west

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Cape Pillar	52-43	74-43	Callao	12-4	77-13
Evangelist Isl	52-24	75-5	Isl don martin	11-2	77-43
Cape Victory S	52-16	74-55	Isla Lobos	6-2-7	80-53
Isl Campana	47-59	75-23	Guayaquil	2-13	79-53
Baldavia	39-53	73-29	Cape St Lorenzo	1-4	80-43
Conception City	36-49	73-6	Quito	00 18.00	78-18
Valparaiso port	33-02	71-41	C St Francisco	00 3-9	79-52
Coguinbo	29-54	70-19	Isl D Palmer	3-57	77-7
Isl St Felix	26-20	79-47	Panama	8 57	79-22
Moro Moreno	23-28	70-38	St John's harbor	11 2-2	85-54
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When forced to part from those we love
 If sure to meet tomorrow
 We still a pang of anguish prove
 And feel a touch of sorrow
 But who can paint the briny tears
 We shed when thus we sever
 If forced to part for months for years
 To part perhaps forever

But if our thoughts are fixed aright
 A cheering hope is given
 Though here our prospects end in night
 We meet again in heaven
 Yes if our hopes are raised above
 It's sweet when thus we sever
 Since parting in a saviors love
 We part to meet forever

Though by the dreadful tempest tossed
 High on the broken wave
 They know though cut not slow to hear dangers of the deep
 Nor impotent to save
 In midst of dangers fears and death
 Thy goodness we'll adore
 And praise the far thy mercies past
 And humbly ask for more

How are thy servants blessed
 O Lord
 How sure is thine defense
 Eternal wisdom is thine
 guide
 Their help Omnipotent
 In foreign realms and
 And lands remote
 Supported by thy care
 They pass unhurt through
 burning climes and breath
 Insupportable air
 Thy mercy sweetens every
 soil makes every region
 please
 The hoary frozen Hills it
 Warms and smooths the
 Boisterous seas

Lord of the sea the sea
 men keep from all the
 When high the white caps
 Billows rise when tempests
 Roar along the sky...
 When fairs or shoals
 Awaken fears
 Or in thy mercy
 though near

Friday March 29 - 1850

This day begins with pleasant weather at 2 P.M. the people that went on shore this forenoon returned having got much excited as they stated they saw the track of a tiger find at an animal which they could not name but did not kill him saw the bones of many animals at a watering place together with the bones of a man which no doubt have been destroyed by these ferocious tigers as they always lay in ambush near a watering place they found also a shock of pine boards 14 in number and about 14 feet long with iron bands on it there is a good deal of other lumber drifting about I think there has been some vessel cast away in the last gale about the entrance of the straits at 4 P.M. got under way at slack tide and stood up toward Cape Posesion and anchored in 13 fathoms of water with bit breeze from the eastward here several heavy guns abot 4 o'clock this morning in a N.W. direction at 5 this morning got under way with an easterly wind and stood for the entrance of the first narrow straiting but we saw a vessel at anchor at a distance but the fog shutting down we we thought it not prudent to enter the narrow channel Our wind & anchored in Posesion Bay in 14 fathoms water blue clay bottom good holding ground caught some english hake had them fried caught one of those dispuse dog fish I wonder how he found the way to the straits of Magellan latter part of this day wind got south blowing fresh gale & considerable sea raining hard

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Saturday March 30th - 1850

Begins to day with fresh southerly winds & heavy rain this has been only rain storm that I have seen since I left home which is one hundred days in sea time or 102 civil time this afternoon an American Brig anchored under our stern after exchanging collors with her we were so overjoyed that we loaded up the big guns & gave them a salute Richard Hitchcock complains of a pain in his side & stomach looks discouraged I hope it is nothing serious heavy breezes through the night & some rain rough sea latter part tremendous gales from S.W. at 6 the harbor anchor this morning paid away a long string on both chains & then drifted beered away nearly all of the starboard chain got on supporters on both the brig that anchor astern of us last night parted one of her chains this forenoon and drifted considerable she fetched up ~~at~~ however and I hope she and our selfs will ride out the gale I have just been shifting my cloths which have been wet all day the sea has been flying over the vessel at a grate rate I don't like riding out gales in such places as this where there is no land to be seen to windward and in case of going on shore we have nothing but a band of tigers and others wild beasts to associate with if this is a fair specimen of the straits of Magellan weather I wonder what Cape Horn must be the good lord help me out of the place I am sick of it

Sunday March 31 - 1850

Begins with heavy gales from S. W. and very bad sea. The sky is clear & it looks as if the gale might abate some time or other - it is 3 o'clock P. M. & the Brig to theeward holds on still with one anchor ahead the people think it is the brig Kencell of Boothbay Capt Chase for California. Poor fellows I hope they will ride it out safely I don't know what the consequence is of going on shore might be in this country to say the least it would be ruinous indeed moderate through the night at 5 A. M. got underway and proceeded towards the first narrows was overtaken by the British steam brig Gorgo they informed us of the loss of the Schooner Northern Light of Portland on the 21st wished us to take some of her people that was on board of her 8 in number among which were two ladies told them we would take half of them but while we were waiting for them a brig from New York came up & took them all but one young ^{man} who has taken passage with us we are having a pleasant Northwesterly breeze to day but how long it will last the Lord only knows this is indeed a land of gales of wind a most dangerous place we have had two severe gales already and the Capt of the British steamer tells us that we have only seen the blossom yet we have got to see the pink by & by we have got a good vessel and our ground tackle is of the first order the young man that we took from the steamer is quite intelligent he is an Englishman I believe by birth his name Robinson

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This is April fool day

Monday April 1st - 1850

Fresh breezes from N. W. to day at meridian passed the first narrows saw the wreck of the Northern Light some Willy wos this afternoon reefed & made some tacks to windward spoke the Sch^r Rochester of New York for California at 4 P. M. came too in 10 fathoms of water sand & shell in a fresh westerly breeze we are at anchor under Gally point St Gago Bay saw great quantities of chronometers fresh gales from W. N. W. through the night at 10 o'clock A. M. reefed her down & got underway to beat to windward if it has not blown this day then when I hope that I shall not be permitted to see it blow which I am in these straits I have not seen so much water fly over this craft in half the passage from home as there has this fore noon we could carry only a double reefed main sail & jib some times had to wear ship it was so rough the sky is clear to day & the sun looks pleasant but of all the windy places that ever I got into this exceeds the whole I should think according to the appearances of things that they have all the facilities that that could be desired to manufacture wind such as fresh water lakes mountainous country all around with plenty of valleys and low places where the squalls that I shall denominate Willy wos come through with the greatest violence but March has gone by & I hope April will do a little better Charles Robinson our new passenger says one of those Ladies that came so near taking passage with us is in daily expectation what a Mercy poor soul I hope she has got better accommodations in the New York Brig & a Doctor beside

Tuesday April 2^d 1850

Begins with a very heavy roaster and a sharp short chop of a sea at 2 P.M. Anchored under Cape Gregory in 7 fathoms water sand and shells this looks a little the most like a harbor of any thing i have seen for a good while the people have pretty much all gone ashore on a hunting excursion here is uncle Hall on a chest on one side and Capt Choat setting on the table on the other side having Mr Look has kindly tendered ^{me} a new suit of oil cloths to day which has kept my under cloths entirely dry i have the best of friends here who will do all that could be expected of a Brotherin Richard Hitchcock is some better the people returned about dark with the carcases of two crowncoers one of them very fat brought off two different kinds of berries they are very good gave a favorable description of the soil the land along the coast looks very handsome they saw great quantities of bones of animals i never saw such droves of creatures as there is along these shores as there is hundreds of them together there is plenty of fresh meat to be obtained here nothing to do but step ashore & shoot them we had some of it fried for breakfast this morning & it was most delicious no wild taste to it these crowncoers are about as large as a yearling & i can hardly tell which they are most like cattle or sheep they are partly covered with hair & partly with wool rather long legged with cloven hoofs through the night very pleasant & moderate weather at 8 A.M. got underway with a good breeze from North to enter the second narrows

This is a beautiful day for which i hope to be thankful to the giver & donor of all our mercies Joseph Mellu has got a brakeing out on one of his hands that he thinks is the incipule i hope it is not for this is a poor place to be lame or sick not because there is no sympathy for the people are all sympathetic to each other there is the greatest display on deck with rifles guns and pistols what i ever saw it is almost dangerous to be amongst them i think some times of My wife dream about the powder & shot it is now 11 o'clock A.M. & we are passing through the second narrows with a very lite breeze almost an Irishman's there i am i hope Capt Talbot wont shoot me with his revolver as he sits opposite the table with it pointed towards me a good part of the time Mr Look is making a soup of some of the fresh meat but how he will succeed i cannot begin to conjecture i hope however that it will not give us the belly ache yesterday my boots being wet all day damped my feet i cough & hack some yet when i get exposed but for the most i feel to be in good health Mr Williams has taken the place of B Hitchcock as steward he looks like a spare top mast going from the house to the gally with his basket of dishes on his arm poor man i hope he will not meet with as much rough language in his new capacity as he has heretofore he is a very civil sensible man and give no offence to any one but when a quart of gooseberries comes to be stewed down to a tea spoon full it is very souer indeed i suppose that now i have sailed along this Patagonia coast 150 miles i have not yet seen ^{much} one tree or bush nothing higher than prickly bush about two feet high that bears a dark blue berry which is very good than is another berry which they call high land cranberries very good they are

Wednesday April 3 1850

Began with calm moderate weather very flattering breezes from different points of the compass passed the New York Brig at one P.M. saw a good many smokes this afternoon and some Patagonians sporting themselves in riding their horses when we passed them we gave them a gun at 3 P.M. a fresh gale springing up at S.W. double reefed the M & F sail came into a fine bay between the Patagonian shore & the Elizabeth Islands at 5 anchored in 7 fathoms water good holding ground the boys went on shore & killed some fowl while those on board shot at those that flew over the vessel her British Majesty's Brig that boarded us the other day is awaiting three other ships from England to proceed on to the Arctic Ocean in search of the Sir John Franklin expedition first part of this night thick & rainy it is now 12 o'clock M. Night and Joseph Plitchcock & myself have got through with our watch on deck so I will give up the clock to Mr. Weeks & trust him to keep a look out for the Hono. Indian while I take a turn to the land of Blankets and straw latter part of these 24 hours calm & foggy the the people have shot great numbers of birds from the deck such as ducks & pelicans at 9 A.M. got under way to go through the narrows at Elizabeth Island the wind died away and left us shorn a great many strange noises heard in these straits in the night among the wild creatures such as wolves seal &c the tide flows 42 feet at the mouth of these straits & here it flows at the Elizabeth Islands about 12 feet the boat is on shore and the anchor on the bow & all sail set they had better come back for the wind breezes

Thursday April 4 1850

Commenced today with fine pleasant weather & light winds from the westward at 1 P.M. the boat came back from shore with some fowl which they shot in a fresh water pond one of them looked like a species of the goose kind at 2 P.M. passed Laredo Bay with a fresh N.E. breeze the land began to look different and a good deal of shrubbery the Mountains here are covered with snow at 8 o'clock this evening we were up with St. Mary's Bay where we intended to anchor but having a strong ebb tide could not get in so we took in double reefs & kept a long for Port Famine where we want to wood and water having no pilot onboard we have over-run our port I should think 15 miles before we found our mistake we have hauled too & are now beating back Choat knows just as much about these straits as I do he has deceived this company too bad it is cold this morning I feel too cold to write any more now at 12 anchored in Famine in 4 fathoms water Wm Keriston Charles Berry Ruben Ball my self went on shore called on the Captain of the port & inquired for a wooding & watering place was treated with the greatest respect found him to be a very intelligent Gentleman these people are Chilian sent here by the Chilian Government about three hundred in number have a quite a village of them

The Capitan informed me that this was the only settle^{ment} of Christians in the straits of Magellan all others are Patagonians & people that cannot be trusted to keep faith with any one one of these Chilians invited us in to house which was of the nicest construction treated us in the kindest manner the men & boys chased us about from place to place to get our powder they seemed to be the most eager for that article of any we had but little with us gave them part of what we had saw some pretty Chilian Girls they seemed to be very sociable and pleasant they have high cheek bones resembling somewhat the North American Indian I have picked species of gooseberry this afternoon which are very abundant also a species of sweet crabberry Kenneston Bull & My self told Mr Berry if he would go on board & return up at the wooeling place we would go along and get a boat load cut went and found two or three cut cords cut & nicely split up all ready at hand there has been a good deal of curing since we came back about our cutting so much wood in a couple of hours but they dont know yet but that we cut it and I think they will not find out the facts in the case to night I suppose some industrious California bouncer Yankee got more cut than he wanted & so left it for the Damaris crew I have quite a gant^{load} this afternoon my head flew round very much and going on shore for the first time for about 40 days & I feel almost crippled in my hips walking over mountains swamps bogs and every thing else

I dont know what we should do for a linguist if it were not for Tuck whom ever we go there Tuck is acquainted with the language of the country he tells me that when a boy he sailed with a Nantucket man on a whaling voyage round Cape Horn & that the Capt never went on shore without taking him with him taking great pains to learn him to talk the language of all these countrys but it is 9 o'clock and I have so far forgot my self that I have run this days Journal half way into tomorrow so I will just put away my book for to night turn in and say my prayers

Friday April 5 - 1850

Pleasant weather with fresh breezes from the westward & clear and rather cold a man of war Scho arrived here at this anchorage about dusk dont know what nation she belongs to yet as she got no colors Mr Berry most crazy with the tooth ache sorry for him would help him if I new how I think he had better come below out of the wind better part of this 24 hours Cloudy weather some frost went wooding a part of the crew & the rest watering I have been wet about all day felt uncomfortable saw some remarkable large trees the wood in this place is a very heavy growth and all of one kind it is rather the most like Spruce & splits very easy I have heard no more at Maredian the sloop Burr Capt Hobbs of Mystic arrived here 86 days passage

Saturday April 6 - 1850

Begins with calm moderate weather we have got
our wood & water on board & about ready for a start
had a visit from Capt Holmes in the evening & a
calm & pleasant through the night we have to keep an anchor
i don't like to lose my rest after laboring hard through the
day with wet feet & clothes here is a schooner close
to us owned by an english Gentleman built for a
pleasure Voyage round the world about 400 tons she
is bound ~~to the~~ through the strait for england the
the owner left her at Panaman to cross the istmus
and go home by steam Cleared up the decks this fore-
noon scurled up the wood & stowed it away stowed away
the water Capt Holmes came & compared chronometers
while on shore in this vilage of Chilians the other
day uncle Hall & myself were posing a hut when one
of the ladies came out and invited us in to purchase some
hides of wild animals such as gonachurs & lions she
offered us other kind of skin which modestly forbids
me to mention here in this little book which maybe
read by some ladies that would think it vulgar but
uncle Hall & i thought best to pass by she put me in
mind ~~with~~ however of the seventh chapter of Prover
i did not think very highly of there fort or soldiers is
was the nastiest looking place to be inhabited by human
Beings that ever i saw a little boy cried to go with us to
San Francisco & even got into the boat some of the men gave
him a pair of trousers & shirt poor little fellow

Sunday April 7 - 1850

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Commenced to day with cloudy with weather
variable winds this afternoon went on shore and paid
a visit to the fort & saw the village soldiers ladies &
all it was enough to sicken one of all man &
woman kind this colony is place where the chilians
keep there convicts of all the dirty squalid looking
set of men and women these cap the whole the
Penobscot Indians are much more decent than
they this evening it rains some & very dark Mr
Berry is very much afflicted with the tooth ach
Harley Glitchcock is laid up with a lam also Capt
Talbot & Joseph Mellus with sores on their hands
the jumping off place at 6 A M got underway

at port Sturnine
with a fresh easterly Gale ripped the
main sail at 11 A M passed Cape
Forward saw a big head rainny to day and
so thick i cant see the mountain tops as well
as i should like to this part of the straits is a
hard faced lookin country the mountain tops
are capped with an eternal snow as far the
soundings i dont know as there is any in
the middle of the passage a vessel my run
her jib boom against the mountains and
have 50 fathoms over the taffrail & the straits
of Magellan may i get once well through
you and bid you a long fare well

here is Cape Horn and the last
one of the American continent

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Monday April 8 - 1850 ^{i have got a washing of}
 Squally rainy weather first part of these 24 hours
 we have respect & turned outcrips so many times to day that
 i have not been able to keep the count had a hard
 time to beat to windward to get to wood Bay where we anchored
 at dusk in 5 fathoms water muddy bottom in the evening
 the Capt of the Sch^r Rochester of New York boarded us
 two of his men were away with his boat some guns & provisions
 he has a woman on board with a young children who lost her
 husband since they left Rio Janeiro poor woman what
 will she do in a strange land as she is destitute any
 thing to help her self with it is about 8 o'clock & the
 Willy Evans are boxing this poor little schooner first on one
 side & then on the other i think i shall not try to say
 much more about the weather here in these straits
 as i am not able to begin to do it justice through the
 night it is cold comfort here no fire in the cabin
 & 23 men pushing and shoving to see who shall
 get in to the gally to warm themselves i hope i
 shall have grace enough to keep my temper &
 save me from any Outbrakings i dont complain
 of any one for the company have always used me with
 more difference than they have than officers some
 of them i shall remember i think as long as i live
 we are at anchor near under Cape Holland a very
 high mountain that brakes off the heft of this S^t Water
 but the rool eyes which i call them for shorttraps comes
 down once in a while with the violence of a hurricane

last night it was a storm Mr. Hatch & Mr. Quinn

it will be some time before i shall get them done
 Tuesday April 9 - 1850 in such weather as this
 Begins to day with fresh gales from S^W cloudy & squally
 weather all hands washing their cloths some on shore &
 some on board i have washed mine twice & they look as if they
 had been in a mud puddle i have as much as i can do to
 keep warm the mountains are covered with snow & as for
 sun shine i think that does not often occur in the western end of
 these straits this afternoon went on shore with W^m Skeriston &
 Daniel Mellow went to a quarry & got some whet stones found a
 den where i suppose some wild animals live took good care
 not to wake them up found several monuments that
 have been erected by vessels that have touched here giving them
 names & the number of days passage here we also put up ours
 i cut out the three first letters of my name in the up and
 down work of Cape Holland with an old ax than has
 been some altercation with Chaat & the company he has
 looked very sad all day poor man i pity him after
 all it is now 12 o'clock Mr. Night & i have just left the
 deck and called Mr. A Weeks to take charge of the ship
 while i shall try to forget my self for a while in Balm
 sleep may Angels guard me while i sleep till morning
 life appears may the good Lord take care of me at all times
 and on all occasions i should like to see my better half to
 night but i must forego the pleasure for the present
 latter part S^W wind we still lay under Cape Holland we
 thought we should gain but little or nothing if we tried &
 we did not get under way to day the mos of us went on
 shore to washing our cloths

Wednesday April 10 - 1850

Begins these 24 hours with pleasant weather for this place and a S. W. wind a good part of the crew went on shore and cut down quite a number of trees & made a sensible fire set crooked sticks put on poles and hung on the kettles and and went at it by quips I have washed my cloths the Thiver I think that will do for this time the Sch Rochester is here with us yet this afternoon the company have been ^{ing} sport themselves by firing the big gun firing at a mark with their rifles & I wish we could have a fair wind to show us through this land of darkness & shadow of death it seems strange to me that in such a high latitude as this and as cold as it is now that lilley should be in bloom and some already come to perfection here is a grate abundance of cranberries some dead ripe some green and some just in blow this Mountain when we lay has evidently been a volcano as the shores are covered with lava I am told that the mountains here are not a priming to what they are further a long towards the western end of the straits time is passing fast it will soon be four months since we sailed but by the inscriptions that are stuck upon stone by other vessels we have made the best passage of any of them save on latter part of these 24 hours Moderate weather with S. W. winds got under way at 6 o'clock to work to windward the Rochester got her sails up & have short but did not brake ground she set her Collors half mast when we got a short distance from her they had a sick man on board I suppose he is dead

Thursday April 11 - 1850

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Moderate to day with little winds from west been working to windward all day with a little breeze at dark anchored in Fortescue Bay in 8 fathom water this place is under Cape Gallant the Sch Rochester was a long distance when we anchored I wonder whether the sun ever shone on this land of heathenism or not I can look round any time of day or night & see a squall of something pecking up and getting ready for a burst this morning some of the people as soon as they turned it went on shore on a hunting excursion there is no karnas in this part of the straits I am sorry for I think I never eat any sweeter meat of any kind than they are we got under way about 8 o'clock with a little wind but found we should lose ground & anchored a gain it is a long distance from this to another anchorage and it is bad navigation it will not do to be overtaken at dark far from some harbor I don't know what has become of the Rochester she has not got to this place yet as for the New York Brig I have seen nothing of her since last Sunday when she bore up & went to leeward this seems to be getting along very slow but out of all the vessels that we have fell in with since we entered the straits every one of them are now astern this vessel will make a harbor when others have to run to leeward but we must be careful in such a place as this the Brig and Schooner above mentioned have both too an anchor we had ought to be thankful that we have met with no accident as yet the people are all on shore wrecking on old bark

Friday April 12 - 1850

Begins with lite winds & thick weather flyin foggy some rain almost every body on shore but uncle Hall Look and the cooks it is quite a privilage some times to get rid of them for i can then have a chance to sew on a button on my clothes or clarn a hole in the heel of my stockings when all hands are aboard and the vessel at anchor it is worse than a town meeting for them when i get tired i can run away they that are bored must obey & they that are free may run away that is just the hobble that i am in it is a life of confusion here a fellow must be shoved by one & trod on by another but i suppose i give as many offences as i receive & no body complains so i will try to hold my tongue i suffer a good deal with cold feet at night when i turn in i begin rub one foot against another till they get warm & then i clop to sleep some times i dream of home & friends but for the most part i had as leave not dream any thing at for i commonly lose my jacket hat or fall into some kind of trouble and at last wake up on board the little Demarican what a place this is to bury the dead i was sorry that it so happened that we could not have helped to bury that young ^{man} that died on board the Rochester for we would have built him a tomb of stone & put him where the Beasts of prey could not have disturbed him the people have come back with some sheathing bolts and Copper spikes a canoe of Indians came along side i think they belong on Cape Horn side of the straits they are a poor naked degraded set of creatures

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Saturday April 13 - 1850

Commences to day with moderate weather and misty with some rain those indians that visited us were destitute of clothing excepting a rag round their loins we gave them some old shirts trousers &c also something to eat they could speak no english at all they could use one spanish word that was to ask for a cutchela which means knife one young female had a babe at her breast she appeared to be berry fond of it i thought she must be berry young for a mother but i should think they must be the berry lowest grade in any thing that could be called human this afternoon five of us went to climb a mountain four of us gave out before we got up Charles Berry succeeded & reached the summit and as a proof of it brought a snow ball in his pocket which he could not have got any where else of the berry top as for myself i got rather too much headway on her coming down and fell and so rolled part of the way down a steep part of the mountain i think i shall not try it again berry soon we helped these savages erect their camp on the shore and after we got back from our ramble up the mountain it being dusk collect to see how they come on found them naked as they were Born setting round their fire smoking their eyes out it is of no use to give these creatures clothes for i saw them strip them of before they got out of sight of the vessel this morning Williams & Look are ashore to day wrecking i hope they will make their fortune

Sunday April 14th - 1850

This day begins with moderate S.W. winds we have been beating to windward to day in company with the Schooner Golden Rule of New York she has overtaken us & this is the first time that I have seen her since so but I don't care much for that I would not exchange ships with them after all that at 3 P.M. anchored in Boya Bay in 12 fathom water muddy bottom this is a very snug looking place but O the mountains of snow and ice I hope the day is not far distant when I shall visit seal them all & bid them an everlasting adieu poor uncle Hall is badly afflicted with the ague in his face I think if he could keep the swelling in his face till he arrives in San Francisco he would be much more marketable than he would be with all the wrinkles he has at other times but poor old fellow success to him the boat & the most of the people have gone ashore they are as eager as if they had not been ashore for three months at dark they returned after having reached the summit of the mountain rolled down some heavy rocks there was two large ponds of water on the top of the mountain in the evening Capt Bannamman of the Schooner Golden Rule came on board to compare chronometers latter part light breezes from the eastward at 6 A.M. got underway with a flood tide than a bit little else but flood tide in this part of the straits ^{quality} wood & water abound in the straits of the best

Monday ^{15th} April 1850

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Commenced to day with pleasant weather & light breezes from the Eastward we tried to make our way along a piece through straits but on account of the strength of the flood tide a light breeze returned to the same anchorage we left this afternoon a strong breeze from S.W. with Willy waves blowing down over the mountains with some rain two or three canoes of natives have been along since this afternoon as soon as these creatures get within a hailing distance they all begin with one voice to sing out kille tak kille tak I tried a grate many ways to find out what they wanted thinking it might be ardent spirit or tobacco but I found it was some thing to eat it is enough to turn a dogs stomach to see them eat the slush from the dirty barrel it is more than I can do to keep my feet or any other part of me warm the decks being continually wet I am ashamed almost ashamed to complain when I see these poor natives with nothing but one old rag round their waist and a sucking child at their breast the boys have been on top of a lofty mountain this afternoon rolling down large rocks for amusement that is the way they keep Sunday at 10 A.M. got underway to work to windward blowing fresh & fresh & turned out rips it has been squally & raining this fore noon the Golden Rule don't get away from us very fast to day

Tuesday April 16 - 1850

Begins with cold squally rainy weather & S.W. winds beating to windward this morning our friends the Natives have been to see us this fore noon after some kills take these Indians or man eaters they are the nastiest of all creation at 8 P.M. anchored in swallows harbor in 15 fathoms water it has been very uncomfortable all this day all hands complaining much of cold & four or five of this company are laid up with sores on their hands the effects of long living on salt provision Mr. Hall has not got through yet with the ague in his face I have barked my hands and they are growing very sore so I think I will turn in and see if I can get warm had a very comfortable sleep & rest through the night after I got warm in bed had a call from the pilot at day light to leave ahead & make sail with a small breeze from the westward & rather a pleasant morning for this place we have transferred our passenger Robinson to the Golden Rule where there is more room and only a crew to work the vessel I think any man may stand his own pilot through these Straits with the help of a good chart to point out the anchoring places as there is no sunken rocks or shoals of any kind when we get pretty near the kelp we go about the worst is to find a place shallow enough to anchor in some of these mountains look very blue with ice being covered entirely with ice that has I suppose been accumulating for centuries

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Wednesday April 17 - 1850

Begins today with bit variable breezes working to westward very slowly in company with the Golden Rule at 3 P.M. took a fresh easterly wind we have made the best of by running all night it was quite dark & rainy riced the main sail latter part fresh Northerly wind at 8 A.M. passed the harbor of Mirey standing out of the mouth of the straits towards some rocks that are called the evangelists against a head beat sea the weather looks rather black & squally some have been for going in to the harbor of Mirey some for going to sea there is but little agreement on board this ship at present one in particular conducts as if Satan had got full possession of him

Thursday April 18 1850

Begins with squally rainy weather at 3 P.M. the evangelists bar N.W. 1/2 W. dist 8 miles I hope I shall not see them again very soon heavy sea running at 11 P.M. the double riced the sails hiding the W. rain falling hard at 8 A.M. have too under a double riced fore sail with heavy gales & sea running high we are clear of the Straits of Magellan & I hope some time or other to see the sun & shine as I have no way to dry my cloths than to take them in to the berth with me and lay on them the same as a hen does by her eggs when she wants to make chickens

Friday April 19 - 1850

Begins today by moderating so the M. sail
 Ballance - reefed & jib stood on & so the sun came
 out i dont believe the Pacific Ocean is a paradise
 yet but i am being glad to find my self in it a good
 birth from land some vessels have got clear through
 the straits to the harbor of mercy laid there a month
 & then were obliged to go back and make the best of
 there way round the horn it is impossible for any
 vessel to get to sea from the mouth of the straits with
 a S.W. wind as the current flows in with great force
 saw a sail to windward i suppose it is the golden rule
 our old company keeper Our young seamen are
 sea sick enough to day sailing 96 degrees of latitude
 in the Atlantic Ocean i see has not cured them of that
 Joseph Mellus has fainted a way since he eat his dinner
 some of our wicked crew are catching Cape pigeons poor
 little innocent birds they are so handsome and handsome
 it is four months to day since i left home and just got in to the
 Pacific Moderate this afternoon the sea smooth as glass
 at 4 P.M. blowing fresh again double reefed again saw
 a sail on the weather bow misty through the night
 the breeze increasing & a rough sea at 12 A.M. took
 in the M. sail & jib put the wheel to leeward & let
 her drift making about a west course this & to
 wind hangs on well we are now a good stretch from
 land No Observation today it is almost too rough
 to write

Saturday April 20 - 1850

Commences with thick rainy disagreeable weather
 fresh N.W. gales laying too under a double reefed
 fore sail the weather so cold that all hands are
 glad to tumble into their births as soon as they are off
 duty this is the fourth day since we left Cape Pillar
 & i have not seen the sun yet between the sea sick & the
 lame there is but few to be seen about decks however
 there is some good hand sided fellows that dont give up
 for trifles i begin to feel almost out of humor to see
 so many turning to their births & giving up for a little
 sea sickness i made the best of it till we arrived in the
 straits & thought 3 or 4 months was enough to cure
 any reasonable man of sea sickness but enough
 it is very rough so i will stop when i am

Sunday April 21 - 1850

Though disagreeable weather to day with strong
 steady gales at 1 P.M. Made sail under reefs
 starboard tacks on board heading west trying to see
 if we cant run away from this dirty weather there
 is a good deal of dissatisfaction on board about some
 things that i shall not mention at this time but i will
 not allude to it in future without something split
 Middle & latter part heavy gales with a rough
 sea and rain carrying close reef bobbing up &
 down & climbing over the sea making up
 longitudinal as fast as possible No Observation to day

Monday April 22 - 1850

Begins today with heavy gales & rough sea Starboard
tacks on board close reefs heading west at 2 P.M. Mist
broke & looked some as if it might clear away it
has been raining hard and the weather very cold
good many lambs & sick in with it would clear &
give us a S. Western soon middle part rainy &
uncomfortable weather at 6 A.M. the wind hauled
south with a smooth sea turned out the double
reefs heading up N.W. the weather is tremendous
almost impossible to keep ones self warm either on
deck or in the berth only two at a time can get into
the Gally & all hands are watching them & never
when one leaves to fill up the vacancy and some
are almost disposed to contend about them right
thinking the same turns come before they do latter
part the wind headed us off to N.W. large sea
making Stowed the anchors got the small boat aft
turned her bottom up & cross the davits to stand
on when we reef the main sail this is the first
day that I have seen for something like a month that
that could be called a fair day I think there is neither
man or boy in this craft that ever wishes to see these
digging again if I could get any clothes dry open
in a week I would not complain so much but
it is on the whole not much worse than I expected
Lat 53-14 / Longt by Chron time / 81-15

Tuesday April 23 - 1850

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Fresh Gales from the westward to day to begin
with white flying clouds the people sporting
themselves in catching birds with a hook and line
all hands lively & in good spirits I wish I could keep
my feet warm the wind heading us off fast sea
increasing at 5 P.M. tacked a ship to the westward
took in close reefs tremendous hail squalls
Middle part continues squally & a bad sea
at 1 o'clock A.M. have too under three reefs
fore sail head to the southward & westward latter
part tremendous Gales & heavy sea wore
ship to the northward too rough to write

Lat 53-36 Longt by D.R. 81-25

Wednesday April 24th 1850

Commences with tremendous weather laying too
head N by W. larboard tacks on board the weather
perishing cold May the good Lord favor us with
some pleasant weather & a favorable wind that
we can get into a warmer latitude than this
for I am tired of hearing these Northerners howland
tired of being pelted with hail all hands pretty
still such weather as this I don't blame them for
it is discouraging & heart rending Mr. Ephraim
Hatch is almost disheartened poor fellow I hope
he will forsake his idols

After part of the 24 hours heavy gale here too with
her head to the North heavy hail squalls made sail to
Northward with a sharp sea running and very cold

Lat Obs 52.55 / Longt By Chronometer time 81-15

Thursday April 25th 1850 -

Begins with heavy gales and bad sea carrying double
reefs heading N^W & we have been seven days out from
the straits & now we are about fifteen miles to the
ward of them this is hard getting to California against
a N^W Gale people seem to feel out of humor & crop
at 4 P M wore ship & have too under close reefed fore
sail at 5 made sail with the wind at 20 S & wind a
smooth sea latter part good weather for the place
got same to the northward a very handsome Moon
was seen last night there is little else beside gales of
wind & squalls in this clime clothes all wet &
uncomfortable & no way to dry them the hail squalls
enough to cut ones face to pieces to keep the run of
all the reefing turning out reef handling heaving
too and making sail & would keep on busy
writing Our poor cook Daniel Robinson has the
worst time of any one on board nothing but green
wood to work with and has to wade from the cabin
to the galley & grate many times in a day he is a good
smart tough fellow Fletcher is sick & layed by

Lat Obs 51.36 / Longt by Chron time 80.02

Friday April 26 - 1850

Begins with as good weather as any one could expect in
such a place as this with a westerly wind carrying reefs
making a north course good taking out two degrees of
easterly Variation and 1 pint leeway at 11 P M then
reefed the fore sail and Main sail the wind bearing
to the northward at half past one hauled the M. Sail
and jib wore ship to the S^W & and have too under the
fore sail then reefed with a bad sea at 9 A M set the
Binnacle reefed main sail and jib got her on the other
tack and stood to the northward close hauled to the
wind the weather is tremendous and discouraging
Mr Williams is in his berth in the lower cabin sick
enough when he will come out i cant say but this
much i think i can say with propriety that he can
cut wit all hands he is well to his appetite his quills
must be carried to his bunk he laying on the flat of his
back to keep from losing it again off his stomach

Lat Obs 50.51 / Longt by Chron time 79.47

Saturday April 27 - 1850

Commences as usual with severe weather & westerly
wind & heavy sea some rain carrying close reefs going
North by compass thick weather through the night
some rain latter part rough & squally carrying double
reefs thrashing in to a head beat sea heading up N^W &

Lat Obs 49.50 / Longt in 79.07

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Sunday April 28 - 1850

Commences with fresh Gales from E N W a heavy sea & flying clouds carrying double reefs heaving up N N W. squally at 4 P M Bellamy reefed the M. Sail heading up N W & N at 5 P M bore too under a three reefed fore sail squally first part of the night clear sky at 4 A M thickened up & squally wore ship to the S W at 8 A M wore ship to Northward blowing heavy and a rough sea carrying close reefs and too much at that
No observation to day.

Monday April 29 - 1850

Commences with severe Gales from the westward under close reefs at 4 P M. it was the Captains watch on deck for some reason not known to me he took it in his head to carry sail almost to a seaside a good deal of talk in the cabin about it I was both to go on deck & in a mutinous manner but when I saw it would not do to neglect it any longer I told Mr Berry to follow me and he was all ready we went I got to the main halyards the Capt forbid it but it was no use for the whole crew was at my heels I think the way the sails were taken in was the right way see the whole he is a nuisance I suppose he has taken some offence at some one of the company he ought to be put into a hen coop & fed with corn or else be discontinued as master of this vessel

middle & latter part of these 24 hours tremendous Gales with the most violent squalls that I have seen during the passage drifting toward a lee shore very fast & no way to get off the people much alarmed for their safety the sea has struck the vessel many times Berry. have finally this has been the most trying time that I have seen yet

Lat 48-48 south
Tuesday April 30th - 1850

Commences with tremendous Gales from west & a dangerous sea running lying too under a close reefed fore sail at 4 P M the clouds began to change there colour & shape the second clouds running together in streaks which I have always noticed to take place before the gale abates at 8 P M made sail with close reefs heading N W at 8 A M got single reefs on her heading moreover we have broke up the hatches fore & aft this forenoon & got up a hoghead of water a Barrell of Molasses & a barrell of flour & some dry apples &c this is the first chance to open the hatches since we left the straits it is 14 days since we took our departure from Cap Pillar & we are less than four degrees to the northward of it now but thank god we are alive yet & well the vessel in as good order as could be expected for the rough weather we have met with the main sail however is getting very poor and we are destitute of another to replace it in case we should lose that

Butter part of these 24 hours a soft breising up with rain & a heavy roll of sea from the southwest

Wednesday May 1st 1850

This day commences with a southeast breeze and plenty of main double reefs in the sails there is a prospect now of having a chance to get a little further to the northward Mr Williams has been vomiting blood to day it seems as if he would never get over sea sickness Richard Hitchcock is officiating in his capacity again Joseph Hitchcock is quite smart & stands his regular watch Middle part of this 24 hours smart squalls from South ballance reefed the No. Scil & F sail & have reason to thank god for this fair breeze to help us out of this tremendous place we have been now 15 days from the straits & we have hardly kept up with the suns declination we have had a time of hard ship & suffering but i hope through the interposition of providence to out run these Gales of wind and squalls wham we shall not have to stand by the haliards day & night Latter part the squalls begin to turn white & seem to lose there violence the sky is clear excepting some flying clouds had a good site of the sun this morning at 8 o'clock to find longitude by Chronometer time we have taken the advantage of this breeze to get a good offing from the land i never want to get into such close quarters in a severe gale of wind again as we were in day before yesterday for if the gale had continued long we must have gone on to a lee shore thank the lord we are safe as yet

Lat by Observation 46 21 Longt by Cr time 69-50

Thursday May 2^d 1850

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Commences to day with fresh Gales from W & W and squally weather all necessary sail set an old westerly Sea Middle part squally & calm i think the weather is moderating fast i can not feel Thankfull enough to think that the donor of all our mercies has favored us with a good S.W. breeze to help us out of this horrible place where i say horrible it puts me in mind of Mr Silperk for we are now running for that Berry Island Juan Fernandez where he layed his bones but the island being very small without our

Cronometer is very correct we shall not but it the reason of our wishing to call at that place is this although we thought we provided bountifully for wood & water it has been so long a time since that we begin to entertain some fears that we shall fall short before we reach our port of destination beside that the Island lays directly in our track & we have some Curious people that would be gratified to set there feet on Robinson Crusoes Island latter part of these 24 hours got the Square Sail from the fore hold to the Boom & Yard from there bashing bent him & spread him before this heavenly sweet breeze & it is now pulling the little Damariscove eight knots through the South Pacific Ocean on a N.W. & W. Course may heaven continue this breeze till we can get into a latitude where i can take off my jacket and set down on the stern bench & bath my self in a good warm sun the people have got moral courage enough to day to shave off a large amount of beards i think they look the best better

Lat 44-44 Longt by Cront time 80-10

Friday May ³ 4 - 1850

This 24 hours commences with fine southerly breezes and a smooth sea all sail set that will draw the weather though cold is growing more tolerable the squalls are getting fewer and less for all hands in good spirits contented about the decks highly pleased with this fair wind & glad to get rid of this inhospitable region & I think that I am not a whit behind them Mr. Hatches Deaugarut is in the place of Margaret I think the weather has become a great deal more mild the company thinks the mother handsomer than the daughter latter part Middle point some squalls blowing over the taffrail the little craft cutting elint towards Robinson Crusoes Island as fast as her legs will carry her it is in Lat about 33 south but it being a small place it is doubtful whether we shall hit it as I fear our Chronometer is not very correct having got a bad jar in the last gale latter part fine with a few flying clouds and once in a while a squall Uncle Hall and Colonel Curtis have been repairing the Boat which got stove in the last gale I have not seen one solitary sail since we left the Straits there were two in company with us that day But how they have fared I cant tell as one of them was a center board craft I am some afraid she has fared hard that was the Golden Rule of New York thank the Lord we are rising up the sun quite fast at this rate of sailing Mr. S. Hitchcock wishes to know if I will have an abstract of this Book that he may have it to read when he is old and his head is gray

Lat Obs 42.15 S } Longt by Chron. time 79.51

Saturday May ⁴ 5 - 1850

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Today begins with fresh Gales from S.W. clear sky the Square sail & all other necessary sail set to the best advantage at 5 P.M. took in the square sail at 8 double reefed the Main & F. Sail at 12 At night it freshened to a Gale Ballance reefed the sails & scud her off N.W. with a heavy sea running latter part cloudy & strong gales carrying Ballance reefed dreamed last night of home and friends that have been long dead dont like those dreams I am apt to have too much reefing to do soon after it at dinner today the ship rolling & Lurching Berry had a tureen of Bean soup got spilt on Jos. Hitchcock & Charles Berry Hitchcock has got a berry bad Burnall the way round his arm I applied pain killer to it but I think it will last him some time it is blistered badly

Lat by Obs 39.31 } Longt by Chron. time 79.30

Sunday May 5 - 1850

Commences with very rough weather to day & Heavy Gales from W.S.W. carrying double reef middle part equally with frequent dashes of rain great deal of water flying across the Deck uncomfortably wet I stumbled against the wheel while reefing the main sail & darned my right arm Joseph Hitchcock's burn looks well for so bad a scald this is the loneliest day we remember it to keep it Holy we have been having a good run since the last heavy gale I hope if it is the will of Providence it will be continued some time

Lat by Obs 37.00 } Longt by Chron. time 79.03

Monday May 6 - 1850

To day begins with pleasant weather & fresh Gale from S.W. with an Old S.W. gulling sea all necessary sail set to the best advantage I have got the agree in my favor and it is a troublesome comfort some body may take the wheel in my place if they please tonight the weather is moderating fast seen no hail squalls lately & never ^{hot} that so much about that passage some where in the book of Job as I have lately when got asked job if he had seen this ^{curse} of hail which I have reserved against the time of battle & war I think it is a very formidable weapon indeed the way it comes down with severe squalls of wind in the South of bottom 55 & 45 South I never shall remember them with pleasure middle part moderate with fair wind & clear weather carrying square sail & masts all turned out this morning saw a handsome sun rise wind S.E. it looks a little like the beginning of the S.E. trades at 9 A.M. the wind hauled ahead very light breezes sky obscure the hatches broke up forward & aft some water got up the spare sails got up and dry to some wood & all hands employed some at one thing & some at another if the wind continues when it is now it will be as much as ever we shall do to get to Juan Fernandez but I hope it will cant back this I believe is the first day for one month that I have seen the sun rise or set & this is the first day for some time that that the people could get up there cloths to dry which were going to destruction we are now about 73 miles from Robinson Crusoe Island

Lat 35-02 Longt by Chronometer time 79-05

Tuesday May 7 - 1850

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Commences to day with light Northerly winds & cloudy weather all hands employed at sundry jobs of work about eleven the weather warm & comfortable Middle part Moderate breezes from the N.W. & smooth sea at 6 virged the G. & M. sail single turned them out at 8 A.M. made the Island of Juan Fernandez bearing N.W. tackled at 9 A.M. & stood to the westward at 11 tackled to the North & Eastward fresh breezes of N.W. I think if the wind does not favor us we shall have a hard beet to work up to it got an observation at noon found our self 34 miles to the Southward of the Island we can now move about pretty comfortably part of the men without a jacket this Island looks high & mountainous there is another Island to the westward of this called Maysa Fuero which is said to have risen from the Ocean about twenty years ago these N.W. winds are attended with over cast weather & rain on some things about the straits of Magellan just before we left the straits one afternoon we heard a loud rumbling noise repeated a grate many times some thought it was distant thunder I thought it must be the settling together of snow and ice as I could see with the glass large hollows under the the snow in the ravines between the mountains but I think now that were volcanic eruptions as Terra del Fuego side of the straits has a grate many volcanos in it Terra del Fuego means in Spanish the land of fire there is a volcano at the mouth of the straits

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Wednesday May 8 - 1850

Saw a brig standing South
 commences with fresh gales from N.W. and flying clouds
 at 1 P.M. tacked ship to the Northward at 8 P.M. tacked to
 westward Middle part cloudy weather & appearance of
 rain with moderate breezes of wind it is giving us a
 hard beat to get up to this Island latter part squally
 tacked to northward at meridian fetched the Eastern
 end of the Island have about stood off the South shore
 of this Island is the most forbidding looking place
 that i have ever seen excepting the Straits of Magell
 as yet i can see no place where i should think we
 could anchor but we shall work up to the windward
 till we are satisfied as the principal harbor in this
 Island is on the N.W. side but the wind blowing from
 that quarter can not say there i can see nothing that
 looks like wood if there is any it must be on the north
 side i can see plenty of water running down the
 Mountain sides this place is in Lat^d 33-45 South
 West Longt^d 79-30 it looks foolish to say the best of it
 i should not like to be caught here in fresh weather
 to fill up this leaf i will mention a tree that i saw
 at point Hamlin one day as Mr. Keniston & myself
 were on shore washing some clothes we strolled into
 the woods a short distance and there we saw
 the largest tree that ever i saw before it was a wine
 fall Keniston thought it would make fifteen cords
 of wood i dont see how such large trees come to
 grow in such a cold Country as this

Thursday May 9 - 1850

Commences with fresh breezes from NW and some
 flying clouds got the anchors on the bow and shakled
 on the chains sent the boats head to find an anchorage
 at 2 1/2 P.M. came to in 15 fathoms hard bottom Charles
 Berry Col Curtis Mr. Williams S.W. Look and
 Matthew Buck & myself went ashore in order to
 get water but did not succeed as we could not
 find it in this part of the Island climbed a mountain
 i saw nothing that looked like wood not even a shrub
 neither do i believe there is any here saw many large
 flocks of goats we had no guns with us & did not get
 any the rest of the company went in the flat Boat
 gunning in a nother direction got seven seal it has been
 dark now some times there is several of our men show
 up & now before i stop i will just say that i have been
 ashore on the Island where Silken made his lamentable
 Poetry or where Robinson Crusoe lived with his man
 Friday & turned his goats down i am tired enough
 to turn in i think I Liscock & rocks & Harry Liscock
 will not get on board this night as it would be
 about as much as 4 have lives are worth to attempt
 to come one of those mountains after dark for
 i found it bad enough this afternoon to get
 down by daylight it has been said that there
 was a small colony planted here but i don
 believe there is one solitary being excepting
 wild animals to be found here

at 9 P.M. the four missing Boys returned from
their night excursion bringing two seal with
them all hands are on shore some gunning some
fishing Mr Keniston have been skinning the seal &
cleaning up the cabin & decks & the wind continues
fresh S.W. & squally i think the Boys will not
put up on shore to night latter part strong gale
Over cast & squally the boat came back at noon
with fish of different kinds the sportsman could
not shoot any goats the could not
climb high enough for them
from my post 91

I am monarch of all i survey my right than
is none to dispute all around from the center to sea
i am Lord of the fowl
and the brute
& solitudes which
are the charms
that suggest
sleep in the
face

i have taken but little pains
to sketch this out
Friday May 16 - 1850

commences to play with fresh gales
& squally weather the most of the company
are shore some hunting some fishing for my own
i have been cleaning what fish that was caught this
fore noon is for going on shore i care but little about
it Talbot is with the rest gunning i hope he will try
to keep his feet today for yesterday he fell down and
his gun went off and came nigh shooting Honey
Hitchcock & Wm Keniston poor fellow he is not
wanted among the company he had better stay

The Island
of Juan Fer-
nandes
Chart 3346 Long 74° 6'

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This afternoon the wind freshened the people on shore
and fishing there is a great abundance of fish of different kinds
at this Island they taste very well we have got in all 9 seal they
are very hard to be got as the large ones when wounded to death
will sink and cling to the bottom others will get in to caves
in the shore where they cannot be got at they are very
crook and dangerous play thing this evening some three
or four men on shore sent the Boat after them at the
only place where a boat could land they made out to
sea then distemper but a few minutes more they
would have had the same accommodations the Boys
have the night before as it is impossible for any one
to get down these Mountains alive in the night this
evening the weather looks bad got the boats in & made
all ready to go to sea in case we strike adrift for if the
anchor once start there is no other remedy but to get
anchor and make sail latter part of the night tremor
squalls of wind & rain our anchor held on i think the
Bottom good and it should be for any one to anchor in such
a place as this exposed to S.W. wind which blow on shore
this is a terrible place for a vessel to get ashore there is hardly
a place to be found where a man could climb up out of the
way of the sea i have sketched this island down imperfectly and so
having a spare leaf farther back in the book i have made
another one at sunrise this morning the wind having
shifted somehow up our anchor and made sail & stood
out to sea had to make one hitch to get by the western end of
the Island the sky is clear today and the weather fine look
southerly so hope there can say good by to this place forever

Saturday May 11 - 1850

Begins today with moderate breezes from WNW an old sea and pleasant weather all hands well excepting Sam Boile on these hands the company has lost one gun one jacket and a sheath knife on the Island they have done well that they did not lose themselves there was a host of goats here but it was almost impossible to get at them as they would go where no person could get so we shot several of them but they were in such steep places that they could not be come at at 4 P.M. it freshened single cloud & Ballance reefed the sails the sea making fast & the wind increasing to a gale at 11 hove too with head WNW. Some rain the Island of Juan Fernandez bearing E.N.E about 15 miles distant at 3 A.M. set the ballance reefed Main sail & gill & stood to the northward with a clear sky latter part fresh gales and tremendous cross sea Mr. Finiston has tried out $8\frac{1}{2}$ galls of oil from the blubber of the seal we got the other day at meridian got an altitude found ourselves 4 miles to the north of the Island so ends this 24 hours

Sunday May 12 1850

Begins with strong westerly breezes clear sky and a heavy sea carrying ballance reefed head in N.W. No squally weather & some showers Middle part heavy squalls and bad sea carrying double reef the wind carried to the S.W. but so much sea she cant make much headway through latter part fine clear sky with one in a while a squall

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it is Sunday today & Capt Choate tells me he has been reading the bible i thought i would give him credit for it as i have not seen him with a bible in his hand during the passage i think if he were as studious in reading that as he is in reading novels he would be wise indeed may the Lord give us a good favorable time that we may get along toward the place of our destination for i can truly say that i am tired of this passage i am tired of this confinement tired one thing over and over again i should like to see some place that would be more congenial to my feelings than i have yet seen since i left home for i think i shall never again want to see St Catharines nor the straits of Magellan Cape Horn or the Island of Juan Fernandez i am sorry that we were no more successful than we were in finding wood & water but we must do the best we can with what we have some of our folks think now there is plenty of water & wood on the North side of the Island but i believe not and if that should be true it would be the very next thing to an impossibility to get it off as there is nothing that looks like a landing place on the whole of the South side or the west end such a tremendous looking place never before greeted my eyes and i hope will not again several of our people came very near being dashed to pieces in descending one of these perpendicular Mountains where one mile step would have cost them there lives Joseph Hitchcock has been drooping ever since being on shore all night

Lat 32.08 Longt by Chronometer time 49-10

Monday May 13 - 1850

Begins with squally weather carrying short sail we are heading up our course with a very rough sea she is doing a better business at pouncing the sea this afternoon than she is going through it it will be no better while these squalls last - middle part moderate with a heavy old roll latter part very fine clear sky sea falling turned out one reef after another till they were all out which has not been the case for a long time going large with a South wind there is now fifteen Hogheads of water on board this vessel enough I should think to last us to California if it is used with prudence this morning broke open the fore hatch and got up a hoghead of water and a full flour the wind is rather scanty we have a plenty of coal however & Fullerton the Blacksmith says he will make a grate to burn it in in case we should need it I wish Mr Williams if he is an officer of the Gally would attend to his business there in stead of sitting a long side of my birth window with his bible spread out lecturing on Slavery at 6 o'clock in the morning to disturb my slumbers when it is my watch below for I was never used to such early meetings I wish our grate Sawyer would not set his mill to going so early in the morning for I always know when it is mill time if he is on deck I think he had better mind his own business and quit trying to incense one against another as he will ^{not} accomplish his Object if he works all the way to California
Lat by Obs 30-29 Long by Crot time

Tuesday May 14 - 1850

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Commences with fine pleasant weather and a good leading breeze from South with a falling sea how long for a chance to set our square sail & to get up the top masts & get the flying kites on her for I am heartily sick of this pent up life for it is almost impossible to move from one place to another without being intercepted by some one or other when I turn into my birth which is very narrow and the third from the cabin floor I have to brace my self up with both knees and one elbow to keep from falling out and killing my self which has done them a grate injury at the Table I must submit to be climbed over by a number of men and after that be careful that my knife & fork does not become instruments of death to me I think my self quite highly favored if I can take a chance to lift the lid of my chest once in a while to get what I want as there is but a small part of the time but there is at least two at anchor on it and there is but a narrow passage round this vessel any where you can go from the night head to the taffrail I don't mean to grumble or find fault with my comrades for I suppose they will in turn find equally as much fault with me I don't wish to convey any such impression but let any one take a voyage from Damariscotta to California in a craft about on hundred tons with 22 persons & then they will comprehend all that I say about it all these 24 hours have pleasant with moderate southerly breezes the square sail is doing his duty the sea smoothing down and I am well
Observed sun Lat by D.R. 29-19 Long by D.R. 81-24

Wednesday May 15 - 1850

This day begins with fine pleasant weather some flying clouds
The wind about E. S. all sail set and drawing to the best advantage
I hope we are now in the regular S. E. trade It has been now a long
time since I have seen any steady good weather but I hope it will
not be all taken in disputes & discords that seems to be a disposition
to keep up a fuss about the concerns of the company some think on
at least they argue that this cargo instead of selling it at auction
must be divided equally that each one may do as he pleases with
the proceeds without remembering there is liability to discharge
at home the day of settlement I suppose must soon come and
that before we reach San Francisco but for peace sake I shall
try to postpone it as long as possible Middle & latter part Overcast
weather & lite round about winds sea has at last got quite smooth
I suppose we are between the trades & variables where there
there is no stability in the winds we are getting along rather
slowly to day but I hope we shall soon fall in with a good
fresh trade that will show us along to the equator where we
shall have good steady weather Henry Hitchcock has
shoveled me over some spars & lamed my neck and shoulder
quite bad so that I can hardly turn my head round with hands
turned up to set up Bob Stays & head rigging and I suppose the
top masts should be got in ere to day whether they are or
not Mr. E. Hatch is very badly afflicted with ague in his face
Our five months the time set to make the passage to California
is nearly up and however are in about I suppose 2800 South Lat
I will go & help set up the rigging and save a great

Lat Obs 28-03 Longt | Longt by Chron ^{time} 82 50

Thursday May 16 - 1850

First part of these 24 hours fine weather with flustering round
about winds & berry lite Middle part calm Overcast weather
Latter part Small Breezes from N. E. and Cloudy weather
Henry Hitchcock sold the Accordion that I have used through
the passage when we were in the Straits yesterday got out
another from his chest in the Hold which was nearly
spoiled with Blue Mold I have taken it apart and dried it
so that it begins to work there is a good deal of lifting & shouldering
each other going on some are so foolish as to get irritated in
there plays like a parcel of Boys I wonder if Miller is
not planting corn to day I think it was at it about this time
last year I hope Miller will not spend too much time at play
when his buisness call him at home my neck feels rather
stiff & sore to day otherway I am well and hearty I should
feel much better if this little Bark was flying through the
Pacific & knot towards California I feel some times as if I
could hardly contain myself I have been so long a time
confined here on this passage but others have probably fared
worse than we have many who sailed about the same time that
we did likely have ere this have found a watery Grave which
we have through the hand of a mercifull providence been spared
and sustained but little injury to what some others have all
though with all the sufferings & anxieties of the passage in
my mind fresh as it is to day I would not through those
scenes again for the ship & cargo Sailors are forgetfull
creatures or some of them would soon wind up their career
Lat by Obs 27-28 Longt by Chron ^{time} 83-41

Friday May 14--1850

Begin with kite breezes from N.E. and a long cooling Pacific sea and black & blue weather even head as it commonly is between the trades & variables all hands scattered about the vessel some on deck & the rest in the cabin shaving & dressing themselves up on the growth of several months some of them still persist in there disfigured looks The wild Beasts that roam the wood I think look far more respectable I hope I shall have less recording of reefing & hauling & laying too & for time to come than I have of late for one would think to look at this journal that our reef & gear sails and all must be pretty well wore out as in reality they are for the main sail that is but 10 months old looks as if it was three years here is Choate preening again about getting up the top masts & Berry laughing at him it grieves him sore to think he has no more authority than he has poor Ephraim Hatch has got a berry sore for latter part of these 24 hours the wind berry near ahead some heavy squalls with a heavy sea carrying reef over Mr. Cook. He's got into a dilemma and how he will extricate himself I don't know he has made some berry high threats so much so that he is obliged to tell one lie after another to excuse himself I think he will have reason to wish himself in San Francisco long before he arrives there he is almost unaccountable troublesome fellow the most of the strife that has been fomented by his means

Lat 26 58 Longt by Chronom time 84-20

Saturday May 18 1850

Commences & continues with squally rough weather Cloudy with some rain the wind bearing at N.W. veered down to close reef at 2 A.M. have too under reef. A sail at 4 Made sail to the Northward the wind changing to the westward the sea running bad latter part turned out the night Mor moderate with flying clouds the wind favoring had little or no disturbance to day about any thing Our Man that is in nobodys watch Berry much cant hardly gain an audience in either end of the ship he has undertaken scandalize several better men than himself & it has come to them ears what a pity that a man cant govern his nasty tongue no better I think he would give some boot now if he could only have the good will and friendship of those he has so unjustly communicated & abused behind there backs but he seems to be shunned & avoided by the most as a dog they never would bite them I have thought I would say some thing of the growth of wood in the straits of Magellan as for variety there is but little excepting the kind that we cut for the vessels I saw no other but but now and then a small Holly Bush which has a berry handsom top there is however towards the west end of the straites a small growth of small sized wood that is a kind of Bastard red wood & makes good wood for vessel use but to say what it was going to one day as J. Peniston & myself were on shore washing some cloths we found the largest tree that I ever saw before it was on the ground and perhaps a foot or more in it & I think it would take a smart man to get off the ground on the trunk of it Peniston said Made no better day

Longt by Chronom time 85-00
it would make 18 cove

Sunday May 19 - 1850

This day commences with fine warm weather with some squalls & a heavy swell from N. 30°. Standing along on the wind saving all the distance possible Middle part the weather growing worse the sun obscure at Meridian No Obsⁿ. Latter part the wind came to the S. W. blowing very heavy double reefed the Fore & Mst sail with a tremendous sea aboard. Mr. Hall has got the ague again in his face & I have got the tooth ache about every body else I believe are well excepting some that are afflicted with sore hand & which is a common thing here in these clippings I have been sometimes almost afraid it would turn out to be the scurvy most all have it. My pretty little flock of birds that has been following us all the way from Cape Horn that I have fed so many times with slush have now left the wake all but three or four & are in there return passage back to place where the hail squalls takes them hold there heads under water to save there eyes from being cut out we are having a good fresh southerly breeze to day but if I don't forget I will say nothing about a trade wind till I have been in it at least two days but the trades are now due for we are in lat 24 34 which is considerable to the North of where they left us in the Atlantic Ocean I have been led to think by accounts that I have heard from others that the Pacific Ocean was a little paradise but I never saw such tremendous weather as I have seen since we have passed Cape Pillar I hope however that the worst of it is now over this is the Holy Sabbath may I remember it to keep it
 Lat by Obsⁿ 24 34 } Long by best time 86-50

Monday May 20 - 1850

Pleasant clear sky & warm the first part of these 24 hours with a fresh south Gale square sail set & the ship going N. by to six or seven knot and a very bad sea Middle part lite winds and variable Clear moon light &c. At 6 A. M. jibed ship Cloudy and a falling sea Latter part Moderate Cloudy weather - Obscure sun no observation I suppose we are in the Gulf of Moro Moreno to day had a very good run the last 24 hours the wind having been from S. W. to East the weather warm & comfortable I think of ten of home and I feel full as anxious to get to California to hear from my family & friends as I do to dig gold dust for I am under some apprehensions whether they have received the two letters I wrote at St. Catharines if they have not I think by this time they are somewhat uneasy if they care any thing about me and that is best known to themselves I have been drying my clothes to day and I find that I have 10 shirts that I have not bent yet I have however bought a pair of striped ones of Jo^s Hitchcock I congratulated myself for having as I suppose escaped cold weather now for at least a good spell when we took our departure from Cape Pillar there was a good deal of talk about what the probable ^{passage} should be some said 60 days some more some less I gave her till the fourth of July & I think if we make up our distance in that time it will rate with the former part of our passage I wish I had a pen that would last to write down one page
 Lat by D^g 23:00 } Long by best time 88-40

Tuesday May 21 - 1850

Commences with a moderate breeze with all drawing
sail set Middle part fresh Gales at times at 10 A.M.
the wind hauled ahead took in the square sail and set the
Main jib flying Clouds with N.E. winds all hands employed
some getting out stuff to make Monkey rails Others sawing
and planing boards to seal up the inside of the Bulwarks
round the bow for my own part i dont feel very well
to day I think i have taken cold in my limbs by some means
No Observation to day

Wednesday May 22 - 1850

Commences to day with light breezes from N.E.
and rather smooth sea Middle part squally with
some rain Latter part fine weather warm sun &
Clear sky fresh Easterly Gales carrying whole
sail Carpenters joiners at their jobs getting on
the Monkey rails sealing round the bow &c i have
not seen one solitary sail since we were at the
Island of Juan Fernandez this day has looked
the most like trades of any thing i have seen yet
I cant tell what ails me but i have not felt very
well for two days likely enough i have taken some
cold by lying without any covering over me at
night perhaps it may be Lariam but i think not
for i feel sore and stupid just i commonly do when
i have taken cold she is going along towards the Line
Lat Obs 20-29 } Longt in 91-50
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Thursday May 23 - 1850

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Commences fine to day with pleasant weather and
Gentle Gales from the Eastward all sail set going large
with smooth sea & some flying clouds all hands
employed at sundry jobs of work about decks except
myself and i believe i am sick for i dont feel like
work & work i wont when i dont feel able Middle
part fine noon lit with a smooth sea & leading breeze Steering
N.W. by W Latter part the wind hauled aft set the square
sail the wind about East & cloudy smooth sea all
hands employed at various jobs some at the Monkey
rails some at the Bulwarks Others mending up &
washing their cloths scarseing on ratlings &c Mr.
Hall has just gained his hand about the Monkey rail
there is a quite many trades going on here barbers shop
Tailors shop Carpenters joiners washing ironing
tinkering besides the navigation singing and literature
of several distinguished individuals i feel considerable
better to day than i have for days past been at work on
the riging this fore noon all hands peacible & enjoying
them self first mate broached a barrel of flour to day
and a barrel of pork Berry sings he has just soundest
a hoghead of water in the hold & think it is half out
we are now three or four degrees to the Northward of
the southern tropic making our course to cross the
Equator in 120 west Longt as near as possible i hope we
shall reach California some time or other

Lat Obs } 18 56 } Longt by Chron time } 93-37

Friday May 24 - 1850

Begins to day with fresh gales from the Eastward & cloudy all drawing sail set steering N^W by W there is but one point Easterly variation in this latitude Middle part some squalls & long rolling sea ship going large with a fine stiff breeze & a clear moon like latter part berry clear sky not a cloud to be seen but now & then a few small trade clouds in the East Col^d Curtis has finished the Monkey rails on both sides Berry & Lyman Chapman have not done anything to the Bulworks to day as there was rather too much water flying I have been at work this fore noon with a number of others on a job that is now worked as before How to make a scrub broom take a piece of hard wood plank about three inches thick saw it off 10 inches long with a half inch bit bore it full of holes on a straight line from end to end keeping the rows of holes about one and half inches apart from the center of one hole to another till it looks like a cartridge box then take some barrel hoops of white oak saw them two inches in length strip them as you would a birch broom leaving a half inch at one end wind a yarn round the strip and then drive them in with a mallet till the holes are all filled up if any of them seem to be slack wedge them up with pine then bore an inch hole put in your handle and go to work this is Uncle Halls Patent and it has impt^d about six of us all the fore noon and a part of the afternoon

Lat 17-14 Longt 95-22

Saturday May 25 - 1850

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Pleasant weather to begin these 24 hours with a fresh Gale from the Eastward there is no trouble about these winds being the regular trades were doing up a good business now having the last 24 hours made 103 miles cliff Lat on a 4 point course I feel in hopes now middle part strong breezes & pleasant weather Mr Berry sick to his stomach with headache through the night a large school of porpoises & flying fish along side latter part fine with a smooth sea & some flying clouds the trades are scant instead of being S E as is the general course of them here they are N E which keeps us pretty near on the wind The trade winds are found between the equator and the 30th degrees of North and South Latitude when the wind for the most part blows from the Eastward but near the Eastern borders of any Ocean the trade wind blows more towards the Equator than in its more central portions while on the western borders the wind not infrequently blows in a direction which is more or less outward from the Equator the trades then filling a space of 30 degrees of Lat on each side of the Equator which passes round the globe are more or less influenced by the position of the sun for when the sun is on the northern tropic there will be the greater portion of the trades leaving a less one on the South side & so it will be the reverse when the sun is on the Southern tropic painting away making to day Lat 15-41 Longt by Count time 97-41

Sunday May 26-1850

Commences to day with fine pleasant weather and gentle trades with some passing clouds and a smooth sea. all necessary sail set to the best advantage all hands employed at something or other. Mr Williams & some others have set up a Cape Factory I don't know what they will look most like when the Cape is finished. Middle part like flustering breezes from the North with obscure sky & smooth sea latter part very fit breezes & hot sun these winds don't discern the name of trades I feel almost out of patience the vessel is heeled two points off her course I can make out to contain my self when we are going our course making a degree & half of latitude per day but when it comes to heading us off our course two or three points & almost Calm at that I want to go home or to sleep or some where else some where that I believe feels about as I do while others can sit down under the Bullworks with their Psaltry & sing off the jam noon & make themselves entirely happy I approve of them Philosophy I wish I could do the same I want to reach California & hear from home if any one has thought worth while to write & I think they have. This is the last day and all hands are weary still I have got Capt Choate to read the Bible instead of his mealy novel he appears quite attached to it his mind has been vitally engrossed with fiction.

Lat 10° 15' N } Longt by Chron time 98 54

Monday May 27-1850

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Commences with fine pleasant weather and light breezes & Corry North by at 1 P.M. discovered a jagged small distance with a stopper in it tacked ship missed it the first time tacked again got it there was plenty of Barnacles on it and nothing in it but water it took a good deal of pains to scrape off the coats & Barnacles and after it had done I Mullis come along with the Boat hook and broke it in pieces. Middle part the wind favored fine full moon lit night after getting within 14 or 15 degrees of the Equator once in a while we have a tremendous sea running from the South the effects of Gales of wind off Cape Horn that works their way for 30 or 40 degrees up the South Pacific Ocean latter part fine weather and Corry hot with light breezes from the Eastward this has been the warmest day that I have seen since we left St. Catherine all hands employed at different jobs Carpentery joinery painting Cap making Mending Clothes &c there is a good deal of work to be done. Between this & San Francisco there is work to be done on the rigging & sails the vessel looks as if she had not been painted for years the paint having washed nearly all washed off her the jobs of Carpentery will be finished I hope to morrow uncle Hall and some others are making preparations for a general settlement through the Company I hope kind providence which has ever watched over our destiny from the first till now will favor us with a good speedy passage to San Francisco.

Lat 10° 14' N } Longt by Chron time 100 - 18

Monday May 28 - 1850

Begins with late flustering breezes and hot sun with an old southerly swell steering N by E. going barryley through the water at 6 P. M. The wind hauld aft set the square sail at the breeze freshened Middle part firm with an increasing breeze Scatter part fresh Gales from East with a hot sun we have done a good days work this breeze looks a little more like the regular trades all hands seem to feel alike about this California Voyage when i see a man paining the deck if i ask him what what the matter is his answer is i am tired & sick of this passage i want to get to San Francisco i want to get my foot one more on terra firma i dont want to be forever at sea i have thought a grate many times of a remark made by Horace Hojett one day when i was talking with him about this Voyage i told him i thought we would go to California in five months said he five months is a long time to look a head we have had now i believe 102 days passage & here we are in 12-40 South Lat and 101-36 Longitude and i should like to be insured to get through the rest of the passage in 40 days more we may be becalmed on the line for a length time but i hope not for i think often of our water having but 11 or 12 hogheads to go & come on some to however i believe have confidence to think they shall see them some time or other as they have begun to make some offers to purchase the vessel

Lat Obs 12-40 Longt by Chronometer time 101-36

Tuesday May 29 - 1850 I W Book sold 163

Begins today with pleasant Gales & a warm sun we are going our course with about three pints of sheet started from six to seven knots all hands in good spirits & a grate deal of talk about California we have risen up the old clipper to about an hour & a quarter high My little Black Magellan clouds as i call them are a good way astern of us I hope soon to see the Old North Star & more than that i never want to get where i cant see him in a clear night Middle fresh Gales with a considerable sea running after us Scatter part something squally with small showers we have done a good days work the best as i know having averaged 7 knot through there is a good deal of excitement about buying & selling this craft Daniel Mellus has offered 180 cents per dollar on her bills at Damariscotta Mr Look bargined away his share at that rate but some of the company are displeased at such proceedings & think it neither fair or according to the constitution to sell the vessel at sea and that without the vote or consent of the company and that too 20 cents below par Mellus is a very clever man and i am very willing that that he should have the vessel when we get to California provided he will pay me dollar for dollar and i think it will be sometime before he takes any share at any thing less i hope however that i shall not hear any more about it at present for fear sake as it has made quite a stir all ready and the less we hear of them the better Lat Obs 10-42 Longt by Chron time 103-33

Wednesday May 30 - 1850

Commence with fine weather some passing clouds and fresh trade with a rolling sea after the square sail set & every thing drawing to the best advantage not much work going on to day rather rough decks wet the weather has got to be hot we shall soon have to shed some of our sheep I don't think Middle part cloudy squally & some showers of rain the Gentlemen of the board of directors with the president have been collecting the bills in for the vessel cargo and the labor of each individual to gether with all the cash & all the trash that each one has furnished and making a general settlement I hope it will be satisfactory to all concerned all hands employed at various jobs carpentering Cap making mending up old clothes &c Latter part fine weather with gentle Gale with some old sea the sun very hot to day Our little ship has been doing a bunch for the last 24 hours making nearly two degrees of Lat and as much Longt. some of our folks keep chattering about buying the vessel May say that will be the easiest way of settling up the voyage I don't know we are now past the Batt of Galis and nearly up with the Island of Tobago I do hope and pray the good Lord will favor us with a good favorable time through the rest of our passage to the land of Gold where all hands may roll in riches

Lat 4-58 } Longt by C time 105-29

Friday May 31 - 1850

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Begins this day with pleasant weather & fine breezes from East with hot sun this is very pleasant sailing but little trouble to glide along through the water with every stick drawing no reefing or handling to do nor standing by haliards. Joseph Hitchcock has been making me a canvas cap this afternoon it fits very well the Boys have been scraping the top masts and getting them ready to send up the evening are very pleasant there is a good deal of sport & merriment with all hands nobody thinks them sope too old to join in the sport there is music of different kinds and for want of a drum they use a corn tin thing and for want of a tamarind I weeks takes a tin pan of the time taken up in training and marching and part in dancing and of all the monkey skins that I have ever seen I have seen the greatest take them together they are the cleverest and best humored set of fellows that ever I met with Middle part of this day good fresh trade & a clear skye some times the sheets are got aft a little and the square sail Boom forward and then to the reverse but we have been on the same tack for a long time Latter part very moderate breezes and a hot sun every body employed at something scraping painting at working on rigging or other jobs

Lat 4-19 } Longt by C time 106-50

Saturday June 1st - 1850

This day begins with lit breezes and hot sun
The vessel moving largely through the water
It is rather a pill to stand one hour at the wheel
in the middle part of the day Middle part fine
pleasant weather & clear star lit with a good breeze
we are sliding along pretty fast towards the
line Latter part very fine & moderate with a
hot sun the trades are coming well from the South
had to jibe ship to go our course which is N. 10th W
Mr. Tuck is quite sick with the flux

Lat 0th 5th 58 = Longt by Chron time 108-12
Sunday June 2 - 1850

Commences with splendid weather clear sky
and fresh trades this afternoon sent up the main
top mast ship running before the breeze all sail
set the gaff topsail makes the head of our main
mast wink rather too bad i hope we shall be
cautious enough to take it in before we get the
head of the mast twisted off Middle part fresh gales
with a considerable swell afters flying clouds
Latter part cloudy weather and some squally
This is Sunday all hands very still & quiet we are
gaining up fast toward the Equator where i hope we
shall soon be i have heard a speculation going on to day
and hope there will be many

Lat by Obs 3 - 51 Longt by C. time 110 =

Above said us along on our way to the
line of our destination

Monday June 3rd - 1850

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Begins to day fresh gales cloudy with some
squall took in the gaff topsail heavy sea running
a grate quantities of flying fish & a large school of
porpoises Middle part stiff breezes & squally with
showers wind enough without lit sails Latter
part Cloudy part of the time with hot sun &
Strong Gales from S. E. Our board of directors have
set day to try bring the the bills all together and make
out with what a share comes to they have not yet
got through all hands seem to be making them
selves as happy as possible as we are having a good
run we were at meridian only 94 miles of Lat
from the Equator we are now steering N. 28th W
having shaped a course direct for San Francisco
and thus run up the remainder of Longt and Lat
on one course Broke open the after Hatch to
day struck out some cargo to get at a box of Sugar
also some tongues this is very pleasant sailing indeed
the Pacific is redeeming its character now & i am glad
to give its credit i have with a number of others made
up our minds to abstain from the pipe for one week
i think it will be for our own good i have tried it twice
on the passage and found the result to be good for i do
think that using tobacco freely is injurious to any ones
health becomming to the head beside that a dirty troublesome
habit i have been long addicted to it is hard to brake off
Lat Obs 1-36 Longt by C. time 111-10

Tuesday June 4 - 1850

Begins with fine breezes & flying clouds with a hot sun steering N by N^W which is our course to San Francisco not much doing this afternoon Middle part clear star lite with gentle Gales some old sea running after us latter part berry moderat breezes with much heat all hands employd that was not too lazy to work and some such there always are this morning about 5 o'clock crossed the Equator i hope for the last time that this old boy will ever cross it it has been four months & four days since we passed it on the atlantic side we are now in North Latitude once more

Lat by Obs ^{mile} 43 North Longt 111:04

This forenoon while jebing ship got the upper joint of my left fore finger sprained rather bad holding a single turn of the main peak rather carelessly the sail gave a flat and brought my hand to the pin it is some what swollen broad & beef is rather plenty or than appetites the people can hardly sleep b'cause it is so warm we shall find the weather more tedious crossing the Equator than we did when we had to meet the Sun for now we are chasing the sun up and he warms up the path as he goes along the case is different on the other hand

Wednesday June 5 - 1850

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Commenced to day with moderat breezes with smooth sea and berry warm all hands at work getting up fore topmast and yard to go standing setting up the riging &c there must be some little flume up about once a day or so to keep us alive and to keep buisness stirring especially among the men tempers i hope Mr Berry will be kept from so much profane swearing about setting & taking in the top sail as it is now a stonating topsail and can be handled to a much better advantage than before & as i have abused to Berry i will drop a word i set a good deal stone by him he and i have been watch mates during the pasage he is naturally one of the kindest fellows in the world but he is a man of an ungovernable temper and the profanest person i ever knew i am almost affraid that god will one of these days take him at his word otherwise he is a berry valuable man i feel truly sorry for poor Berry and when i have a fair opportunity i think i shall talk to him for i believe every person has a soft side Middle & latter part of this day cloudy & hot with fine breezes carrying the lit sails the wind will aft hact to jibe ship several times this morning before brake fast heet some then fight this summer to be the life of buisness in this craft but nobody killed on heet

Lat Obs 2 40 Longt by Cut time

Thursday June 6th - 1850

Commences with fine weather and pleasant trades all sail set that would draw the people engaged at sundry. Middle part fresh Gale showers and some squalls dark through the night. Latter part some rain and fresh breezes the wind varying from South to S E. Have to jibe often caught some rain water scrubbed the paint works took in the gaff topsail & we have had a good clasp run the last 24 hours I have had a pretty good clenching this fore noon don't feel very smart this afternoon little of anything doing to day & as I have nothing special to write I will quit for the present

Lat 20° 5' - 19° Longt by L M 113 - 53

Friday June 7 - 1850

Commences this day with strong breeze cloudy & rainy with some old sea the vessel still is not settled quite yet. Mr. Hall and Mr. Williams are at work at their new Middle part fine breezes & cloudy steering N N W. Latter part some squalls with rain the wind inclines westerly to some sun fights this evening I wonder when all the discord will be over and these Old Boys settle down in peace and harmony washed some cloths to day as well as I could with the water & soap I had to wash with

Lat by Obs 4 - 33 } Longt by Crant time 114 - 16

Saturday June 8 - 1850

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This day commences with cloudy weather and some rain with flustering breezes some sea running from North don't remember the last 24 hours the prospect looks a little flustering that one day we may yet see California a little more than 30 degrees of Lat with about 8 degrees of Longt will carry us than some ten fights to day though they did not begin before breakfast this morning having been broke of them rest the night before. Talbot says he saw the North Star in his watch last night bringing 12 o'clock the Board of directors have not yet closed up the accounts of the costs of ship and cargo but I hope they will some where between here and San Francisco so that we shall not be obliged to leave too to finish it this is a new pen and good for nothing I have but a few of them left now to go & come on Middle part moderate breezes cloudy with lightning & at N W some indications of a change in the wind. Latter part a very heavy shower caught some water to use stoped up the lee scuppers and all hands went to work to washing cloths this has been the heaviest shower we have had since we left home saw large schools of porpises but could not catch the name fish are not fond of copper bottoms I think the N E trades are going to set in now as the S E trades have got faint and the clouds have got a different make

Lat by Obs 8 - 53 } Longt by Crant time { 114 - 17

Sunday June 9 - 1850

Begins with fine weather & flattering breeze with hot sun smooth sea some smaller fish round the vessel I have got my cloths all washed at last I think we shall have some calm weather now as the trades have thus far followed us up very fresh we are now in the belt of Panama where it is said an ever-lasting calm reigns I have found a book within a few days that I did not know was on board the vessel or I should have read it through long ago it is De Rubiquis history of the reformation belonging to Hervey Fletcher if the winds keep as favorable as they have been I shall have to be very industrious to get through it between this and Francisco it is the same with me here as it is at home I can read but a little while till I am so sleepy I have to lay away the book last evening tried to take some dolphin but did not succeed Middle part calm weather with clear weather sky the sea growing very smooth This is Sunday again how soon one Sabbath succeeds another it appears that the time shortens between every two and yet how carelessly we mortals live as though our privileges would never end all hands are very still and quiet to day there are a good many very studious people here on I think study the Bible to see if he cant convince himself the truth of that which I think he will find sooner or later to be false Latter part calm May the good luck that has favored us so very signally thus far favor us still through the passage
Lat 0° 9' - 22' Longt in 114-35

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Monday June 10 - 1850

Commences to day with calm hot weather very smooth sea down very little the last day toward getting to California one thing seems rather hard to account for for as we have been making from 2 to 3 points Western for the last 3 or 4 days yet we make little or no Longitude there is therefore a very strong current setting to the Eastward or there is more variation of the compass than there is laid down in the chart there is some doubt about whether we are as far to the westward as we should be inquiring was made to those California Captains as to what Longt they would cross the Equator they all agreed that Longitude 120 was the most favorable place but we crossed much to the Eastward all I can say more about it is this we have been about becalmed for 24 hours I hope I shall not have the mortification to say so tomorrow Middle part kite winds & calm with a head beat sea from the North ward Latter part squally with a smart shower took in the square sail top sail & the outer jibs short chop of sea there is a notice posted upon the main Mast this fore noon that there will be meeting of this company at 2 O'clock this afternoon I suppose to choose or three new directors to settle up the business of the company as they have thus far failed to do it I wish they would get through with as little trouble as possible

Lat 0° 10' - 20' Longt in 114-35

Tuesday June 11 - 1850

Commences to day with fine weather and fresh N.E. breezes
and head beat sea the company meet this afternoon
to transact some business but they have done nothing
there is another appointed for tomorrow there is a good deal
of controversy between two or three of the company and all
amounts to little or nothing middle part Strong
Gales & fine weather with some head beat sea the
squally part of N.E. trades I suppose have now blown
over and the weather is beautiful the sky clear and
our little craft gliding along with as much
ease as a sea gull she has made $2^{\circ} 5'$ in Lat the
last 24 hours on a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ pint cove we have used up
all the water in the fore hold but one or two casks which
has left her by the stern something near what she should
be this vessel has never yet been in the trim she ought
to have been since we left home or I think we should
have been now in San Francisco with two cabins it
could not be well waited all I have done to day been
eating my meals has been reading the Reformation
Martin Luther thought when a person had repented
sufficiently of his sins he would be perfectly pleased
with him self I wonder when that would be beaten
and fine pleasant weather not much business
going on to day excepting what talking there is done
about the affairs of the vessel

Lat Obs 12-25; Longt in 116-39

Wednesday June 12 - 1850

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This day begins with pleasant gales
and fine clear weather the sea growing smoother
with a warm sun the fish have been very plenty
along side but we have not been able to strike any
Middle & Latter part fine breezes with considerable
sea not much of anything doing excepting the Board
of stercorons have finished up the vessels business to day
Lat Obs 14-14 Longt by Cron time 116-30

Thursday June 13 - 1850

Commences this day with pleasant or fresh breezes
far to the North with head beat sea the shores
as it now stands cost 461-61: The schooner with all
the cargo & fixings cost 900 45: 82 I hope it is now
finished up for the present at 7 Pried the Main
Fore sails single heading up N.E. through the
night rough Latter part flying clouds with
fresh gales large schools of flying fish too much
water flying to paint or work the rigging to day
Lat Obs 16-12; Longt by Cron time 119-1

Friday June 14 - 1850

Fresh gales from North & rough sea with fresh gales all hands business men doing up their jobs of making hammocks & mending up cloths &c at 6 o'clock single Keel for and aft rather a cross sea before pitching in and it heading up about N. W. rather a bad course for San Francisco I am afraid the traders have left us the excitement that has been occasioned by the settlement of the matters of the company have now subsided & I hope we shall settle down in peace from this time till we shall arrive in San Francisco to say the least I am so unfortunate as to be one of the three that whose duty it will be to sell the vessel and close up the business of the company on our arrival Middle part turned out with cloudy sky with some appearance of rain it has been quite cool now for two or three days although the sun is almost vertical later part fresh breeze Lat 17 28 Longt 120 35

Saturday June 15 - 1850

Commenced with fresh gales & a chop of sea the clouds have gone over the wind still hangs on far to the north this Pacific Ocean is a lonely place we have been sailing almost two months & if it had not been that we stopped at Juan Fernandez I suppose we should not have seen one solitary sail till this time I am tired of this life on the sea it is enough to wear out the patience of Job to be six months on one passage and to see scarcely a human being out of that time & nobody that a fellow feels interested in at that here we are pounding against a head beat sea making little more than a degree per day I feel anxious to get along to hear from ^{home} if I am disappointed in that I shall feel badly I suppose what would I not give to know how Mrs. Hatch is getting along with her family of little children to know whether she is provided for with the comforts of life for herself and them may the good Lord in the plenitude of his mercy take care of them all

I hope if it is the will of the Lord we may make up the remainder of this passage by the 25 of this month but if not Lord give me patience to endure all that I may have to pass through in this world & above all grace to prepare for the retributions of another I am not disappointed however at the tediousness or hardships of this passage for I weighed the matter well in my mind before I started on the enterprise I tried however to count the cost that I should not be disappointed when it was too late I hope in the goodness of God that it will not turn out to me for the worst but I will try to leave the event with an unerring Providence Middle part moderate breezes heading us off some times N.W. by W. This weather feels rather cool want woollen cloths on to keep comfortable latter part cool cloudy weather & fresh breezes something rough we have now made up about the whole of our longitude & are likely if the wind does not change soon to make more we can't head up for our port by 3 points

Lat 18 46 Longt in 121 - 56

Sunday June 16 - 1850

To day begins with cloudy weather wind North had a meeting this afternoon to hear the final conclusion of the settlement of the company concern Middle part favorable breezes smooth sea heading up from N.W. to N.E. the wind being shiftly & blowing in puffs this is the Lord's day and thus far it has been very still it has been overcast cloudy weather now for about four or five days the wind holding hard on to the northward the N.E. trades failed much sooner than I expected they would I suppose there is no other way but to stand to the Northward till we fall in with the N.W. winds & I cannot tell when that will be I hope kind Providence will favor us with a good time from this to California latter part cloudy weather and fresh gales from N.N.E. rather squally my head feels rather disagreeable today don't smoke any

Lat by O.H. Lat by D.R. 20-13 Lon 122 - 10

Monday June 17 - 1850

Commences today with cloudy thick fog
and fresh gales from N.E. some squally we have
been having rather hard chance for some days
not being able to go our course but a small part
of the time Harry Hitchcock has a hard time
to catch the little craft he is abreast of me at the
table drawing the pence fast as he can as for A weeks
he cant let poor Choate alone any how that i can
fix it i wish he would stop & think of the suffering
in there ages however he wont hurt him Mr
Williams sets reading his Bible like a civil man
and i hope he will grow wise Middle part fresh breezes
and a chop at 4 P.M. single reefed the Fore and
Main sail latter part strong breezes & rather
rough turned too all hand set up the bob stays &
other head rigging mended the middle jib &
i feel disappointed intently with weather here it is
cool enough here to day to wear monkey jacket
and other woollen cloth in proportion
Lat $11^{\circ} 21' 26''$ Longt by cr time $123^{\circ} 33'$.

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Tuesday June 18 - 1850

To day star begins with cloudy disagreeable fog
and fresh gales from N.W. and a head beat sea the
weather does not improve any but grows rather more
disagreeable & uncomfortable the sun barely out long
enough to get an observation 10 o'clock evening i have taken
my hour at the wheel & set down to write a little while & begin
the tedious hours if possible for i am indeed tired & sea
sick i have just been reading a sketch of a part of the
Ship Edward everets passage to San Francisco one
year ago she crossed the Equator in 114 & when in Lat
30 she found her self in Longitude 140 so i find that we
may look for these tracks to be far to the north from this time
forth that ship encountered much heavy weather after
passing the latitude we are in now and we may look
for the same we crossed the equator in Longt 111 but
but i think we must have a very unfavorable time
get as far to the westward as 140 by the time we get
to Lat 30 however we must run out of there
into a N.W. wind long before we are in the Lat

of California & give her till the 4th of July to make
her passage the day we took our departure from Cape Horn
and I think I shall be very well satisfied if I find her there
then all hands are getting tired of this voyage although
they say but little about it for about a week our head
has been between N.W. & North the wind ever varying
4 pints and blowing in puffs how anxious every
man is if I could get one dollar a day for every look
at the compass to see how she heads I should soon
have enough to return home poor fellows I know
how to pity them they feel bad this day makes up
six months since we left home the clouds look
thin tonight & of a lighter color than they have for
some time there is a little hope of the wind hauling
aft it is now 11 o'clock at night so I will put away
my log book & go up and see Charles & the
rest of the Boys for an hour & then wait till
A. Weeks to take charge another four hours
middle part moderate & the wind rather more favorable
 Latter part the cloud turns white the sun begins to
be seen through them one in a while.

Lat 46° 22' Longt by Crs time 124.36

Wednesday June 19 - 1850

These 24 hours commenced with light trades with some
cold roll of sea rather warmer to day than it has been
for one week past since the company's accounts have
been settled up and each man knows what his share comes
to there has been no place up all hands pleasant & good
mattered I have been aloft to see if I could see anything else
beside the Blue waters & sky saw nothing at all
there has been some large birds round for some
days of the Albatross kind though much smaller
than those of Cape Horn & of a different color
being deep brown there seems to be a good deal of
boot and shoe mending going on here to day Middle
part Moderate weather & flying clouds we have
been making about a W by N course the same
as we have been doing since we passed Latt &
or 10 & we shall of course do no better till then N.E.
trades leave us latter part fine clear weather &
a warm sun with lit passing clouds not one
solitary sail have we seen yet since we left Juan Fernandez
Lat 46° 24' Longt by Crs time 125.36

Thursday June 20 - 1850

Begins fine to day with lite breezes from N. N. E. and a smooth sea the sun has shone out the warmest that he has for a great many days having been obscure nearly all the time caught two Albatrosses got up two Hog P water on deck we have now seven hogheads to last us to San Francisco more or less i have had something of a disagreeable feeling in my head for a few days past such as i commonly have at this time of year the wind is getting very lite our little bopel moves slowly through the water & i hope we may soon take the variable wind & make a slant toward San Francisco for i long for the day to come when i can set my feet on something else but a pine plank Choates i had a ram fight this evening butting & i lost my canvas cap overboard with a cotton handkerchief this is a fine clear moon lit night with a small breeze far to the north we are latter part the weather fine & warm clear sky with a smooth sea some of the hands have been scraping & mixing paints & getting ready for painting &c

Sat Obs 25-12. Longt By Chron time 126-20

Friday June 21 - 1850

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Fine day to day with warm sun some lite flying clouds and quite smooth sea the trades have checked to the Eastward some to day heading up N by E which is within a pint of our course some are cleaning their rifles some mending up their old cloths &c. Col. Curtis is making a gun port as for my self i feel very poorly to day by some means i have got a bad cold in my head limbs &c besides a lame back we are crawling along very slow toward San Francisco i wish it would breeze the night is very fine with a leading breeze and a smooth sea the wind has hauled to the Eastward so that we have up our course which is North we have not done that before for a long time my head ache is gone since i bathed it in pepper sauce the sore nips in my limbs is better also latter part of these 24 hours warm and fine a white haze hanging round could hardly get an observation It has been extremely cold for summer ever since we took the N. E. trades caused i suppose by the wind blowing from the Andies that are forever covered with snow at 10 A. M. the wind hauled S. E. set the square sail and fore top sail very moderate
Sat Obs 26.43. Longt By Chron time 126.51

Saturday June 22 - 1850

Commences to day with very moderate breezes from East & easy sky and a very smooth sea at 1 P.M. took in the square sail & fore top sail the wind checking back I wonder when the tailoring shoe making Cap making &c. will be done let any one begin on what ever piece of business he will be sure to have company enough they are as tractable as so many monkeys I have seized on rattings this forenoon for a whole hour without stopping to rest What a large set of fellows what will we be good for when we arrive at San Frisco I have just measured her distance to port on the Chart which is six hundred & ten miles five days of a good wind would wind up this long tedious tiresome dreaded abominable passage the sea is as smooth as a mill pond & I should think by the squeaking of the wheel ~~that~~ and other symptoms there was a paddles Hurricane I think I will now lay me down & rest my weary limbs and try to be ready to take the wheel at 8 o'clock this evening very moderate through the night latter part calm and moderate overcast weather with very smooth sea

Lat 0° 28' 11" Long 127° 00'

Sunday June 23 - 1850

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Commences with very light breezes & overcast weather and smooth sea we have been very busy this afternoon working on the rigging scrippling painting &c. I think I feel as well at present as I have any time since I left Home it has been so & walks since I have smoked that many times they tell me I have gained flesh remarkable fast I quit the pipe for my own part I can't till as I have not seen my pen in a gap for a long time this sailing through the Pacific Ocean is very lonely work if I could only see one sail I should begin to think there was some body else alive in the world beside us how many times in the course of day do I cast my eye round over the broad blue waters of the Pacific but to no purpose not even a whale can I see or a black fish but stick to it we are gaining every day now & every mile carries us that much nearer to the land where every step a man takes it is said he walks on gold dust Middle part fine breezes rather far North to make a good course latter part very fine & moderate heading up No better than N^W by E our course to St Francisco is N^W by E 580 miles distance
Lat 0° 29' 15" Long 127° 51'

Monday June 24—1850

This day commences with fine pleasant weather and Gentle Gales with a smooth sea the wind rather leads us of hope these troubles will soon give up this is Sunday afternoon sea account every body is remarkable still the most have been reading their Bibles & other religious books & singing they are laying the clocks this afternoon sunning themselves the sun has begun her retrograde march to the south there being one mile south declination to day I hope by another Sunday if we are not in California we shall not be very far from it I should like one more to visit the house of God & join in the worship of that Being who governs heaven and Earth and whose all seeing eye surveys heaven earth and sea at one glance there are some regular readers of the Bible here such as Mr. Williams Mr. Fulerton Mr. Ball Harry Hiscok John Little Col Curtis and others John Little is noted as an every day reader of the Bible but how deep John's piety is I can't tell God only knows some two or three I have not seen with

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a Bible in their hand during the passage they get them instructions out of the Epitome or Blunts Coast Pilot but enough of that this is the longest tack that ever made we have sailed now something over three thousand miles with our Starboard Tacks on board and how much longer this trade wind will last I can't say but I think it has almost blown its blast I dreamed last night of home I can't remember of seeing any body but Miller thought we were in the pasture near the bars that goes into the Doe field saw the pile of manure that I laid there last fall & asked Miller why he had not made use of it he told me that the man who helped him do the spring's work took sick and that himself had used all that he could of it this is the kind of stuff that runs in my head when I go to sleep I ~~see~~ seldom dream of seeing my better part the breeze freshens and it is 11 o'clock at night so I will put away this old Book & go to bed

at 5 o'clock A.M. the wind headed us off to round-tacked
ship to the N^o E latter part the wind quite fresh with
a chop of sea and cloudy dark weather we cant do
much to the riging this fore noon every body seems
to be very still & quite i suppose they ^{are} afraid they
shall not arrive in San Francisco by the 1st July
i have been sleeping it out this fore noon a thing i seldom
do to sleep in the day time especially in the fore noon
it is remarkable cool for this latitude and i suppose
it will be as long as the wind continues to blow from
the continent where the mountains are covered
with eternal snow and ice i have to put on my
Big jacket & thick trousers when the sun is obscured
as much as if i was off Cape Horn I hope the good
Lord will favour us soon with a wind so that we
can lay our course direct for our port which
will be N N E & E after allowing for 13 degrees
Easterly Variation i should feel gratified if we
should be so lucky as to be there by the 1st for it is likely
that a great part of the gold diggers will be in the
city then & i must perhaps hear from them from some
of them if i should not get a letter

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Tuesday June 25 - 1850
The day begins with fresh trades and cloudy weather
we are standing to the eastward on the wind heading E N E
with a chop of sea this is a hard chance for us
we have not been able to head up our course for a
long time at 6 P.M. took in single reef weather
thick & looks bad it is said that the N West
winds comes with great violence here in
these diggings has year about this time the
ship Edward Everett had some of her
sails blown out of the Bolt rope i think
we shall not get clear of this nasty track
wind till we put her on the ~~other~~ other tack
again all hand look rather chop fallen at
this head wind middle part fresh gales considerable
of a bad sea at 6 A.M. shook out the reef latter
part the wind continues the same as ever with
large sea been scraping the quarter clock to day
Mr. Shultz has been painting the white part of
the work round the House i have not felt
very well to day can hardly tell how
LATITUDE 30-19 Longitude 127-9

Wednesday June 26-1850

Begins to day with fresh gales and rough sea with clear sky & few passing clouds this is a hard hearted wind only gained 24 miles Lat. the last 24 hours silent time amongs hands at the prospect of getting along toward California may the good lord favor us with a better wind than this. same I feel almost tired out 11 o'clock at night fresh gales & rough sea with a clear sky and full moon carrying single reefs heading up N.E. & E. thank god we have got so far along that I believe we can beat her the rest of the way in the course of a fortnight but I hope we shall not be under the necessity of doing that it is a hard passage to make from the state of Maine to California to my certain knowledge for all the fair winds that we have had excepting the tracks were like angels visits few and far between latter part fresh gales with a rough sea turned out reefs heading N.E. & E. stretching on toward the continent with little to incourage us

Lat 30-48

Longt in 125-29

Thursday June 27-1850

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Commences to day with fresh gales from about N.W. with cloudy sky & a rough sea we have been driving her through it the last 24 hours to make only about 42 degree of Lat. this is discouraging heart rending work after getting so near our port to meet with such adverse winds at 6 P.M. single reefed the F's Main Sails blowing fresh with had chop heading up about N.E. with harbor tacks on board. Much a part rough with fog latter part the breeze dies and freshens turned out the reefs very foggy the most of the forenoon through the whole of this forenoon I have felt very disagreeable & discouraged to think of having to beat six or seven degrees to windward after getting so far on our passage it seems to be a hard case and yet I see no other way left for us though god can order it otherwise I think we have misjudged it in tacking ship to the Eastward as soon as we do it if we had stretched on to the westward till this time I have no doubt we should been heading for our port

Lat 31-31
Longt 123-24

Friday June 28. 1858

Dull foggy weather the first part of these 24 hours steady fresh gale with some head chop carrying whole sail sharp on the wind the weather all most too cold to read in the house or on deck strange the weather should be so extremely cold in this Lat but the wind to day comes direct I suppose from Bearings Straits where there is an Eternal snow O Lord help us along to our desired haven if it can be agreeable to thy holy will for I feel tired of this passage I feel sea worn I feel as if it would be a great privilege more to prep the port and to see the faces of others beside those I have associated with for six seven months past at 7 P. M. reefed the Main sail Middle part strong gales & rough latter part foggy with fresh breezes & large sea heading up NNE with Starboard tack on board the weather is quite cold

Lat by Obs 32-26 Longt 122-14

Saturday June 29 - 1858

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Begins to day with bad sea & strong Gales from N. W. and foggy the wind inclines to haul practically to the westward we can make a NNE head taking out lee way & Variation leaves a N³⁸ course we shall most likely find land by tomorrow night on this course a good way to leeward of our port nothing going on here today but making leather bags to serve the double purpose of holding shot & pistol Balls and after that gold dust little part Keifel & made a tack to the westward headed off west by S. latter part fog & moderate breezes shook out reef out of Main sail at 10 A. M. saw a sail to leeward could not make out her rig she appeared to be standing to the westward the first sail that I have seen since left Juan Fernandez we have been standing in for land ever since Monday Morning but have not made it yet if the Chronometer is right we are within about 40 miles of it today noon this is a very foggy country I had no idea of it before

Lat by Obs 33-18 Longt In 121. 22

0 Sunday June 30 - 1850

Commences to day with light breezes from the NW
Carrying whole sail with larboard tack on board heading
N^o E by N^o rather more warm and moderate to day
It has been for some days past we are now about
276 miles from our port and I think our prospect
of being there the fourth looks rather discouraging
There is some here who seems to be disposed to find
fault with these officers because they had not
stood further to the westward before we tacked ship
But poor fellows they are bound to be blamed let
them do what they will Look got humbled
about a month ago but he is getting troublesome
again some how or other I have got a lame neck
and shoulder these nights are so foggy that they
are almost as bad as rain at 6 P M it shut
down a clougeon of fog Tacked ship at 4 stood
off. At 10 first part of night very thick
and dark I wish we were in Longt 30

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We write then fetch our port with this N^o Wind
The order of the day now appears to be making gold
Bags canes with pearl Oyster shell heads to them
found at Juan Fernandez smoking powder
Horns and figuring them over with Beasts
and Birds making needle cases & out of the
fire wood we got at the Straits Magellan it is
now within a few minutes of 12 O'clock at night
and too thick at present to tack ship & stand in for
the land for I thought we were very near it when
we went about this evening Mr Keniston has
been complaining for some days of not feeling
well I will lay by the Book now and call the
watch - at 2 A M Tacked ship stood towards the
land heading up from N N E to N N W latter
part a dense fog with a heavy swell this is as bad
to all appearances as the Bay of Fundy it has been a
continual fog for a whole week Only it has not closed
down on the water till within 48 hours at
Mercedian got no observation to be depended on

Monday July 1st - 1850

Commences to day with thick fog & a fresh Gale from WNW & heavy old roll heading up NW. The harbor tacks on board this is the lardest day but it is kept in suppose in the ordinary manner there is a good deal said here to day about running for the land in the fog each one seems to think he ought to have a voice in the matter for my own part I never interfere in matters that belong to the regular officers without I see them running an absolute hazard and then I will interfere at 4 P.M. made breakers under the lee bar tacked ship with a fresh Gale and had sea headed off from west to SW. Very thick fog latter part thick fog stiff breeze from NW. tacked ship to the NE all hands in tugs as usual cutting up fire wood to make mud and other kind of case Making paper horns &c. Lat Obs 3352 Length by Gunt 121 - 21

Tuesday July 2 - 1850

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Begins to day with thick fog moderate breeze of wind from from WNW. standing in shore with harbor tacks on board fog seals partly at times at 2 P.M. the fog sealed handsomely how charming one more to behold the sun in all her splendor & the clear blue sky after being shut up in a dungeon for a fortnight there is a plenty of disturbance here from twice to three times a day that part of the crew that never get their feet wet with blue water in there lives seem to want to have more prerogative than other men that have beat the sea for thirty years I do hope and pray that god in his good providence will favor us with a good wind & a good time to the port of our destination I how tired I am of this passage at 4 o'clock P.M. the fog shut in again tacked ship at 8 heading off W. S. with the stiff breeze and head beat sea these nights are very cold and uncomfortable the fog amounting all night to main I am thinking we have got a hard stent to turn to windward all the way from here to San Francisco

0 I can but reflect on the management of
of this vessel for instead of tacking ship
or when we were in Longitude 128 we ought
to have got as far west at least as 135 or 140 as
other vessels have done before us but no the
honor the N^o 20 hit us about ship and men
for the land and now however we can tack &
half tack I vented my spleen this morning
and told our navigators just what I thought
and I don't care whether they like it or lump it
it is 11 o'clock at night it will soon be time for
for Mr. Webb & his watch to eat fog a while
at 2 A.M. the fog soaled away at sun rise fine
 Latter part fresh gales from N^o 88° at 8 A.M.
tacked ship stood toward land all hand at work
making large cases of wood it is a wonder if they
don't use up all the fire wood before the excitement
is over we are about 200 miles from St. Francisco
Lat 34-22 Longt 121-57

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Wednesday July 3rd - 1850
Begins with fresh gales from N^o clear sky
and rough sea heading N^o E & E per compass
Variation 14° Eastward I am afraid there is something
rather serious the matter with me by my feelings
at times it may be a thistle or some such thing
at 6 P.M. fog again with a very strong breeze &
chilly weather stood in till 12 M. Night tacked & stood
for land a very large sea going Middle part fresh
gale some flying fog we have stood in several times
now but have not seen the land yet we saw breakers
Sunday afternoon in the fog we make about a N^o 8
head standing for the land & about 10 P.M. standing off
as for any other kind of advice beside a N^o E wind would
be foolishness either to write or thing of in these exigencies
The thought of being in San Francisco that is all done
Vanished if it was not so rough I would begin a letter
to Mr. Hatch & another to Mr. Sears I have been talking
with some others about the difficulty I have in the lower
part of the Abdomen several of them are in the same way
caused probably by bad water too much cream of tartar in
our Bread too much Inactivity &c

When we shall get to San Francisco is a matter
of doubt it seems to be hard after closing so near
our port to meet with so bad a chance to make
up the rest of the passage latter part of this
24 hours strong gales flying fog & heavy sea

Lat 35.27 Longt in 121-17
at 11 o'clock made the land

Thursday July 4 - 1850

Begins with clear weather and fresh gales at
2 P.M. tacked ship stood off saw a Brig. running down
the coast single reefed the fore & Main sail at tacked
ship stood in very near the land which is quite
mountainous we are a short distance to the south
ward of St. Simon & find it is hard working
up against this fine N. Wester here about at
sun set stood off with a rough sea & very clear
sky the rocks in this country run up out of the
looking like Monuments saw one the other day
out sight of land thought it was a sail at first
The Pacific Ocean is full of Islands and rocks
some of them hundreds of feet high

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I commenced writing a letter to my wife yesterday but
shall not finish it till I arrive in San Francisco it
now being in 10 & 11 o'clock at night so I will stop & put
away this old Book & go on deck at 2. All the fog
shut down the vessel freshened reefed the J sail
at 3 A.M. double reefed the Main sail hauled
the middle jib at 4 A.M. turned out our reef
and set the middle jib at 11 A.M. double reefed
the M. sail took in the middle jib latter part
foggy with fresh gales standing off W.S.W.
this is very disagreeable weather indeed to day
I have rather a bad head ache to help it along

Lat 35-9 Longt in 122-15

Friday July 5 - 1850

Begins with strong gales and heavy sea at
1 P.M. the fog scatted Middle part heavy gales
rough sea carrying reef sails standing off to the west
ward latter part fine with smooth sea fell in
with a large tree it was whole roots top and all
fine & warm

Lat 34-39 Longt 123-58

Saturday July 6 - 1850

Fine Moderate weather first part of this 24 hours with warm sun & clear sky at Meridian turned out the reefs and tacked ship to N.E. Carried away the lashing of the upper Mast stay repaired damage we are having a hard time to get to California i will say now as I have a good many times before i am tired O Lord How Long O Lord help me to bare it with Christian Fortitude this being at sea so long & believe is doing me an injury & other Beside me there is plenty of discord & contention one man seems to be the leader of the whole i wish he was in San Francisco or at home i think the latter place would be the most suitable for him one would suppose that we had trouble enough to contend with this head wind without an everesting wrangle among ourselves but as it happens there is no blame as yet

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at 8 P.M. the wind headed us off tacked ship to westward with a strong gale single reefed the sails sent down the top sail yard this is what i call hard getting along i am almost discouraged & so is all hands there is a great many long faces about this time i feel bad to think i cant hear from home nor home hear from me beside the loss of time but there is no help for these things we shall have reason to bless god if we ever arrive there in safety it is about 11 o'clock at night and Henry Hitchcock sets on the other side the table writing a letter to send home i wonder when he will mail it middle part fresh gales with heavy sea & a clear sky this has been so far quite a peaceable day i have heard no cannon flat as they call it to day between any two i hope i shall not hear any more this side frisky i think if we should settle down in peace one might get through the latter end of the passage some time or other we have been standing to the westward now for two or three days and got a good ofing as we ought to have done in the first place latter part very fine with a warm sun

Lat 34-59 Long 124-45

0 Sunday July 7 - 1850

Commenced to day with fine pleasant weather and moderate breezes & an old roll at 2 P.M. tacked ship to the N.E. and turned out the reef middle part of this 2.4 hours strong gales at 8 o'clock. At 10 double reefed the sails with a tremendous sea swell flying every swift from N.W. latter part the gale increasing carried away the bolt of the lower Bob stay that goes through the stem got an anchorer this is very rough weather for summer time I hope if it can be the will of Providence that this may be the last Sunday that I shall spend at sea very soon I don't know but this long passage to Peru has for our sins & evil behavior there has been too much strip & contention than in this respect it is not to be wondered at that we have a long passage

Lat 35 54. Longtin 123-40

207 Monday July 8 - 1850

This day commences with heavy gales & heavy sea we are heading N.N.E. under double reefs at 5 P.M. reefed the jib this has been a very rough day there for and I have seen little else for the last fortnight at 8 o'clock the gale abated some blowing man in puffs the sand running in streaks & flying with less speed the middle part of these 2.4 the water flying over the deck in great profusion latter part turned one reef out of the fore sail cant set the middle jib on account of losing the upper Bob stay yesterday this day has been quite peaceful so far I hope it will remain so to the end

Lat 36-38 Longtin 122-20

Tuesday July 9 - 1850

Begins to day with strong gales from N.W. & a very heavy sea running carrying double reefed Main sail single reefed of sail and a reefed jib heaving up about North we are now about 71 miles from San Francisco but how to get there against this wind & sea is the next thing we are in sight of the high lands of Montrey the sky is rather thick & hazy at 9 P.M. tacked ship to the westward at 10 o'clock at 11 reefed the Fore & Main sail at 4 A.M. tacked to the N.E. & turned out the reefs got a bolt through duff twines in the stem and set up the Bob stay where it belongs I will give credit for a little of soothery wind to day the first that I have seen since we passed Lat 9 we are running along the shore to day but very slowly with an old roll of sea

Wednesday July 10 - 1850

Begins calm to day with a bad sea heaving up toward the shore which is not far off at Meridian we were about 32 miles from our port & wish the wind would breeze up some where or other we have been cleaning up & getting ready to go in to port where I hope to morrow we shall get if kind Providence smile at 6 P.M. the ship & stood off from the land heading 48 S 88 W the wind breezing up this has been the pleasantest day that we have had for a long time some of the people have been cleaning up the big gun & making cartridges in hope of saluting San Francisco to morrow I hope they will not be disappointed saw a bark to windward this evening I suppose she is California Bound this book I intend to send home the first chance I meet with by private conveyance for Mr. Hatch to look over as well as Mr. Sears I hope they will take care of it as I have wrote it through much tribulation Joseph Mellus has been quite poorly for some day they say he has got the blind staggers I never knew before that any thing but pigs were subject to them he is a very clever man at it is getting close aboard of 11 o'clock at night & I hope this may be the last night that I shall have to stand the deck very soon for I can say in truth that I am tired out I believe this makes 203 days passage from Lamerica

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Middle part fresh gale from N.W. standing off on the wind at 2 P.M. tacked ship latter part calm the Bark we saw last night is 5 or 8 miles to the northward of us what we then is from the S.W.

Thursday July 11 - 1850

The Beginning of this day is calm & rather warm seen a lot are from S.W. got the Topsail yard aloft again and the square sail bent and set we have done a Bunch the last 24 hours gained five miles of Latitude at Meridian we were 24 miles from San Francisco at 2 P.M. it breezed up at 2 P.M. stood for the land in company with the Bark saw the opening of the Bay of San Francisco about ten miles to windward and the tide appears to set strong to leeward and had not get into port to night at 6 1/2 o'clock tacked ship to the westward the weather fine this evening with a new moon Middle part the wind very light & calm stood off from the land till 11 Night have about stood toward the land

at day light something thick & calm
could see nothing of our consort the Bark
Calm through the forenoon & feel almost waked up
for we have been here within a degree of our port
for three or four days and yet here we are 13
miles to the southward of today and not a breath
of wind to help our selves with some of our
folks have been preparing to get the Boat out
and go on shore to shoot wild catth but I
believe they have given it up as there is some
hope of a breeze we are about 2 or 3 Miles
from land the Bark is about 4 or 5 miles
to the westward of us her name as near as
we could read it through the spyglass ^{clear} yester
is the Winsrop of Halowell

Tuesday July 12 - 1860

In the beginning of these 24 hour Calm
weather and we are drifting about

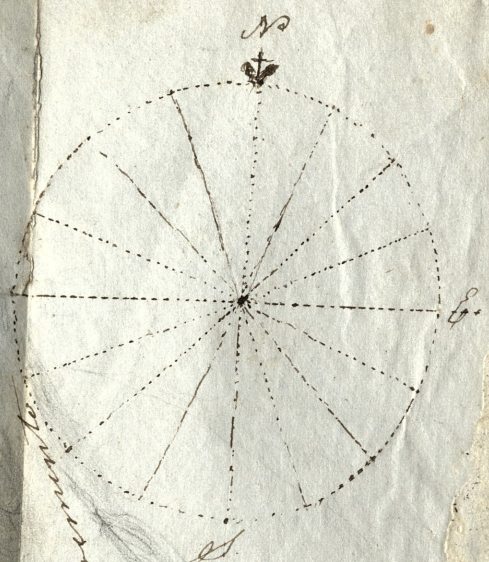
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sometimes gaining a mile and some times
loosing one this way of getting along tries our patience
to the utmost - I hope we shant fight among our
selves at any rate we have got rather cross
The Old Bark by some means has got to the
windward of us a little at sun set saw a
top sail Sqr to the Southward of us stand
to the Northward at 4 o'clock tacked ship
Very near the same place where we tacked
last night at the same time Middle part
somewhat thick tacked for the land with a
leading breeze this forenoon a good Breeze from
the westward saw a large steam ship & several
sail ships standing up the coast at 10 o'clock
A.M. we have got our little ship in the entrance
Between the two headlands pointed up the
Passage to San Francisco at last saw a ship
on shore on the Starboard hand & soon after
which I began to see the shipping & the city of
San Francisco about 11 ^{landward} 1/2 o'clock at the upper
part of the anchorage

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